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**Speaks for Disabled Vets:** Elected spokesman by his pals at the Birmingham Veterans Hospital, Van Nuys, Cal., Sgt. Frederick Smead, a paralyzed veteran, is carried from an airliner in which he flew to Washington, D. C. He will testify at Congressional hearings to revise the existing Hospitalization law, under which, at present, veterans lose practically all their disability payments when they enter hospitals for treatment.

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# Do We Want to Wreck the Peace?

## AN EDITORIAL

Where is Secretary Byrnes taking the United States with his foreign policy?

Perhaps, the American people do not as yet realize what has been happening at the Paris conference of the Big Four ministers. Perhaps it is not yet widely realized as to what the breakdown of that conference can mean to the families of our country.

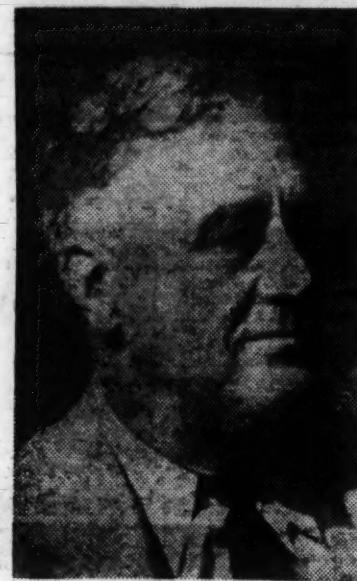
Secretary Byrnes, with the Hoover agent, Sen. Vandenberg, at his side, yesterday rose to close that conference with an open threat to sign separate peace treaties with the defeated Axis states. In so doing, he was committing the United States to a course that can only mean a wild armaments race and the peril of a sudden outburst of atomic war drenching the world in blood.

The Paris conference was supposed to work out settlements leading to peace treaties. It was supposed to negotiate agreements, arriving at a mutual understanding, on the basis of the Crimea and Potsdam agreements.

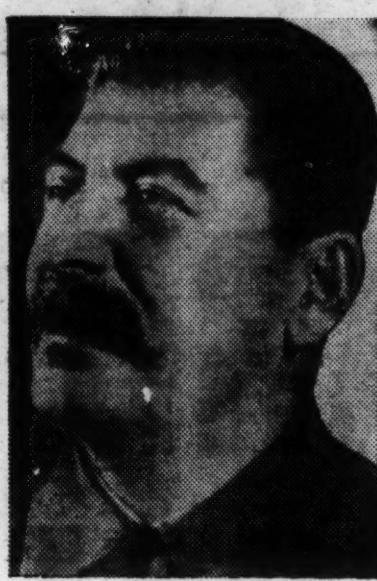
But the astonishing thing is that Secretary Byrnes speaking for this country not only refused to negotiate anything. It was actually announced from the very beginning that the U.S. delegation did not intend to negotiate. He expected the Soviet Union to "knuckle down" or else.

And in every case, the principle on which he refused to make any concession to reasonable settlement, was the principle that the former Axis powers must be restored to some portion of their former strength. This reverses everything we fought for and pledged to defend.

Our present foreign policy is



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rapidly reviving the hopes of the Nazi party and the Nazi industrialists throughout Germany.

At Paris, Secretary Byrnes, carrying out the Truman administration's views, refused to support the Soviet demand for an investigation of the large German army still undischanded in the British zone. He refused to give any accounting of the degree to which we have failed to carry out our Potsdam pledges in our own zone. Every day come new reports to the American press of reviving Nazi influence in the American zone, encouraged by the military government.

At Paris we have laid down the line that every proposal of the Soviet Union constitutes a "threat" to the British empire or to "our interests." By this standard, every weakening of fascism in Europe, every new democratic government in Europe has been defined as a "threat."

Logically following from this, every discredited monarchist-fascist or quisling who has offered his services to restore the old reaction is now finding welcome in the arms of the State

Department.

We are overthrowing the vital principle that the Big Four must agree first on the peace treaties before submitting them to the other nations. Yet without such agreement, peace cannot last long. We now propose, instead, that what the Big Four have not settled themselves they shall settle with the 17 other smaller nations voting. Even the United Press cannot avoid confessing that this is nothing but a trick to pack the peace conference in advance with the "16 votes which we would almost certainly line up to Russia's five."

Secretary Byrnes and the administration are proposing to "ease up" on Germany.

They are proposing, in effect, to "ease up" on Italy and Austria, as well.

They are proposing to withdraw allied troops from Germany in return for a vague "promise" of mutual aid against German militarism.

In Japan we are making Japan's No. 1 war criminal Emperor Hirohito our genial ally, retaining all the old feudal controls and keeping militarist-industrialists in their old place

of power.

In Spain we support the pro-Axis Franco.

In Greece we help keep alive by sheer force of arms the hated Greek monarchy. We are the sponsors of pro-Axis quislings everywhere.

Because our Soviet ally refuses to betray either itself or Europe or mankind to a revival of the crushed fascist forces we threaten that we will wreck the United Nations altogether. We warn we will make our own arrangements with the powers defeated by the common efforts of the Big Three.

"The American delegation," reports the United Press, "expressed a grim satisfaction that the Russians failed to force a single major concession."

Grim is indeed the word.

But grim for whom? For the America that sacrificed, fought and died to erase Hitlerism in Europe and Asia.

There can be no "satisfaction" for the United States in a foreign policy which is not only making us the new center of world reaction, but which cannot succeed. The present Byrnes-Truman-Vandenberg plan to replace the defeated Axis with an Anglo-Saxon world empire cannot succeed. It will cost untold sacrifice, misery for mankind. But mankind will not submit to it.

Can anyone imagine that our separate treaties with Germany, Italy and the Balkans will have any permanent validity other than as a chronic cause for conflict?

The government's present foreign policy is profoundly hostile to American interests if America is defined by its people and not by the dreams of militarists and financiers of a Wall Street world empire.

It must be reversed by an aroused public opinion. Quickly.

# Nazi Aide Bares Franco War Role; Report Pact to Strike Us During Bulge

## German Draft Of Spanish Men Is Exposed

By Art Shields

One of Hitler's paymasters gives the inside story of Franco's military operations on the Eastern Front in a sensational document that will be laid before the special investigating commission of the United Nations Security Council today.

In this document the German paymaster destroys the myth that the Spanish Blue Division consists of "volunteers" who went to the Soviet front to fight against Communism under the flag of the Wehrmacht.

Instead, Maximilian Heyssler, German Embassy attache in Ma-

## Interim Plan for India Is Announced by Attlee

LONDON, May 16 (UP).—Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee announced in Commons today a plan for a temporary government of Indians which would administer India while a constitution is being worked out.

The plan has been submitted to Indian leaders by a three-man cabinet mission now in India.

Attlee promised India eventual independence but expressed the hope that she will elect to remain within the Empire as a dominion.

The British plan provides:

1—A union of India embracing all of British India and the Indian states. The union government and legislature would deal with foreign affairs, defense, communications, finance and taxation.

2—In the central legislature disputes between religious and racial groups would be voted on only when majorities of the groups involved were present, and would require a

majority of both Hindus and Moslems.

3—Administrative subjects not specifically earmarked for the central government would rest in the provinces and states.

4—Indian states would keep jurisdiction over all matters other than those given to the union government.

5—Provinces would be free to form groups among themselves, with their own executives and legislatures.

6—Constitutions of the union and the various groups would be subject to reconsideration at 10-year intervals.

7—The mission held that separate

Moslem states were not just or practicable. Among the reasons given for ruling against Pakistan—the proposed Moslem states—were that the Moslem areas were in northwest and northeast India, "the two most vulnerable frontiers in India"; that they would disrupt unified transport, communications and postal systems; and that they would "inflict a deadly blow" on the united Indian army.

8—There would be an Indian defense minister who would cooperate with Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck, British Commander in Chief. Auchinleck would be jointly responsible

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## Blow Averted By Failure Of Ardennes Drive

By John Meldon

The United Nations, meeting here, has before it a document charging that Franco was ready to unleash 750,000 troops into southern France if Von Rundstedt's Ardennes offensive of Dec. 1944 had been successful, as was reported yesterday.

Franco, it was charged, personally made the promise to the Nazi Ambassador to Madrid after the latter visited him on the eve of the now-famous "Battle of the Bulge" in Belgium.

According to the document now reportedly in the hands of the UN subcommittee probing Franco's regime, the Nazi envoy visited Franco in November, 1944, and told Franco of the Nazi General Staff plans to loose a staggering blow at the Allied

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# Truman to Seize Carriers Saturday If Deadlock Remains

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—President Truman will seize the railroads before the strike deadline Saturday afternoon if agreement is not reached between the Brotherhoods and management, he told a news conference this afternoon.

However, he expressed confidence that the railroad negotiations would be successful before 4 o'clock tomorrow, the time he set for an answer from union and management.

The President refused to comment on the coal situation, obviously waiting for his scheduled 5:30 p.m. conference with John L. Lewis and Charles O'Neill. He previously intimated he would seize the coal mines if necessary.

He refused to promise a veto of the Case bill and amendments, now subject to furious debate on the Senate floor.

Asked whether he agreed with civilian production administrator John D. Small's demand for a bill to outlaw strikes for six months, the President declined to comment. He said he has never heard of Small's proposal, which threw the House into an uproar this afternoon and led to a demand from three Congressmen for his removal.

Despite the President's denial, the Small proposal is considered by some as an administration trial balloon to test reaction to some such drastic anti-strike legislation.

## Truman, Stalin Confer on Food

WASHINGTON, May 16 (UP).—President Truman revealed tonight that he has been in touch with Generalissimo Stalin on the world food crisis.

The President did not elaborate but he said he hoped to make an announcement soon on his exchange with the Soviet Premier.

Word of the President's discussion with Stalin came at Mr. Truman's White House press conference when a reporter asked whether any drastic action was planned in view of the predicted 40 percent shortage in U. S. wheat exports for May.

# CIO Steel Parley Sets Peace Yardstick for Support at Polls

By George Morris

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 16.—Backing fully the CIO's political action campaign the convention of the United Steelworkers of America today projected a Roosevelt yardstick on "domestic and foreign policy" to determine labor's endorsement of candidates in the coming congressional campaign.

The resolution was one of a score passed today by the 2,600 delegates unfolding further the progressive course that keynoted their deliberations Monday morning.

The convention also declared opposition to peacetime military conscription, demanding instead reliance upon "Big Three" unity as a guarantee against aggression; called for United Nations control of atomic energy and weapons; condemned the Columbia, Tenn., and Freeport, I. killings; denounced revival of the KKK anti-Semitism and called for passage of the FEPC; assured full backing to the southern organizing drive and demanded an end of the un-American Wood-Rankin Committee.

The day was marked by considerable and spirited discussion from the floor. The active participation

# Lewis, Bosses Spurn U. S. Arbitration Bid

WASHINGTON, May 16 (UP).—President Truman's appeal for arbitration in the soft coal dispute was rejected by the mine union and operators tonight, and Labor Secretary Lewis B. Schwellenbach said all legal measures short of government seizure now had been exhausted. Schwellenbach, who sat in on the union-management conference with President Truman, said glumly that he saw no settlement formula open to the government except to take over mines if the strike remains unsettled when the present two-week truce ends on May 25.

"But we have not yet reached the point of deciding on seizure," he told reporters.

Newsmen pointed out that the administration has said it will not permit the mines to be closed down again when the truce expires.

"Well," said Schwellenbach with a wan smile, "that is a week away." UMW boss John L. Lewis and Charles O'Neill of the mine owners' negotiating committee, handed their formal rejections of the arbitration proposal to Mr. Truman at a 12-minute meeting in the White House.

Schwellenbach said both sides showed "a desire" to reopen the negotiations — which they told Mr. Truman only a few hours earlier were "useless" — but he admitted that that was a highly intangible improvement in the situation.

Emphasizing the gravity of the situation, Mr. Truman called off a scheduled visit to Kansas City this week-end, and asked Lewis and O'Neill to stand by for further talks on the crisis.

He said, however, that he planned to go ahead with a scheduled flight to Liberty, Mo., on Monday to accept an honorary degree from William Jewell College.

### WELFARE FUND OBSTACLE

Chief stumbling block in the union-management dispute was Lewis' demand for a \$70,000,000-a-year welfare fund to be financed by the coal industry and administered by the UMW.

Both sides showed no inclination to yield on the issue and there appeared only a slim chance that they could work out a compromise on their own in the nine days left before the strike truce ends.

In a letter of rejection to Mr. Truman, the operators said they could not surrender to an outside arbitrator the industry's "hitherto unchallenged" authority over its finances.

They denounced the UMW demand as an attempt "to force individual benefits for the miners at the expense of the common good."

Civilian Production Administrator John D. Small volunteered a statement, shortly after this morning's

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But Congressmen attack the miners' attempt to aid their killed and stricken by a miners' welfare fund.

security system "covers all wage and salary earners in the USSR. It is financed entirely by a fund collected by the government from all employing establishments in proportion to the number of employees in each and the workers are required to make no contribution to this fund from their wages."

"The trade union movement has complete charge over the administration and contribution of social insurance funds," the report reveals.

### Strike Three Papers

PHILADELPHIA, May 16 (UP).—Approximately 370 newspaper deliverymen went on strike tonight, suspending delivery of three of four Philadelphia daily newspapers.

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# Capital Parley in Drive Against Anti-Labor Bills

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Unity of all sections of the American people against the Case bill was the keynote of a conference today to discuss methods of combatting legislation designed to cripple unions.

The conference, called by Senate Labor Committee chairman James A. Murray (D-Mont.), joined representatives of church, farm, veteran, civic and fraternal groups with spokesmen for AFL, CIO and railroad brotherhoods in the fight to preserve labor rights. The legislative situation on the Case bill was outlined to the group by Senators Murray, Claude Pepper (D-Fla.), Wayne Morse (R-Ore.), and David Walsh (D-Mass.).

The conferees adopted a statement of policy, made immediate plans for stating their case to senators and chose a working committee to coordinate activity. Named to the committee were Sidney

Schlesinger, National Lawyers Guild; Tom Kehan, Congregational Church Social Action Council; Harold Tipton, Independent Citizens Committee; Chat Patterson, American Veterans Committee, and Harry White, American Council on Race Relations.

The AFL was represented by Lewis Hines, the CIO by Russell Nixon and Irving Richter, and the railroad unions by E. L. Doyle.

The policy statement denounced "We call on all citizens to write and wire their senators urging that they oppose the Case Bill, all anti-labor amendments and all legislation designed to restrict the rights of labor."

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# Jobs and Houses, Not Hot Air, Vets Ask

World War II veterans gripe plenty. Hot air and everything's-right-with-the-world speeches don't solve their needs of:

## HOUSING

### JOB

### CONTINUATION OF OPA

### PEACE

Stripped of the vote-getting aura of rosy promises, their prospects are:

## HOUSING

The city recognizes the need for 210,000 dwellings for homeless veterans. To date, 1,100 veterans' families have been situated in homes under the temporary housing program. It is hoped that 20,000 units will be realized

under this plan. Private construction will amount to 14,000 units in 1946. No homes will be provided by public low-rent or private redevelopment projects this year.

## JOB

By March 1, 1946, about 576,000 veterans in New York City had been discharged from the service. On that date, the state unemployment agency listed 247,000 veterans on its roles. Almost half of the discharged veterans haven't found suitable jobs on returning home.

## OPA

On March 21, 1946, the Fortune public opinion poll found that 81 percent of the veterans wanted continuation of rent controls.

The question posed was: "Do you think ceilings on rent should be done away with now or kept on for a while?"

The answer was 81 percent for continuation, 11 percent against, and 7 percent without opinion.

## PEACE

Veterans are the staunch supporters of peace and co-operation of the Big Three. That is why 45 percent viewed UN actions with alarm, according to the Gallup poll.

Reasons were "not enough being done" and "too much distrust and not enough co-operation."

## Vets' Housing Action Parley To Be Broadcast Over WMCA

The Housing Action demonstration at City Hall tomorrow noon, which will demand immediate construction of 50,000 permanent low-rent dwellings, will be broadcast over station WMCA from 1 to 1:30 p.m.

Spokesmen for leading veteran organizations will meet with Mayor O'Dwyer at 11:30 while the demonstration is being addressed at the Benjamin Franklin statue on Park Row and Chamber St. A placard parade will march through the City Hall area. The delegation will report to the conference after its meeting with the Mayor.

At two in the afternoon, five counties of the American Legion will hold their Operation Housing at the 69th Armory, 25 St. and Lexington Ave.

Housing Action delegation to the Mayor will include:

William Quaytman, American Legion; Franklin H. Williams, American Veterans Committee; Commander Frank J. Manley, Catholic War Veterans; Commander Reuben B. Smith, Jewish War Veterans and Robert F. Wagner, Jr.

## NEW MASSES

### WHY I AM A COMMUNIST

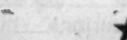
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## Twin Blows Hit School Bias at City Hall Today

Two spearheads of the fight against bias in education will converge at City Hall today, with a hearing on Columbia University's quota system scheduled for 2 p.m. and a mass demonstration against May Quinn and George Timone set for 4 p.m.

The hearing, conducted by the City Council's Rules Committee, will hear testimony on Councilman Eugene P. Connolly's resolution demanding removal of Columbia's tax exemption. Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, Mrs. Rose Russell of the CIO Teachers Union and numerous other civic leaders will be on hand to support the resolution.

The demonstration at 4 p.m. will hit at the school board's recent white-wash of Miss Quinn, pro-fascist teacher, and the appointment of George A. Timone, erstwhile associate of Christian Fronters Organized by the Civil Rights Congress. The rally will also support the Connolly resolution.

Catholic trade unionists yesterday were urged to aid the demonstration. Issuing the call was Stephen O'Donnell, general organizer for the AFL hotel front service workers, Local 144, who said:

"Bigotry against any people eventually is turned into bigotry against Catholics. Catholic trade unionists of New York will join with their Protestant and Jewish brothers to make this demand at City Hall."

The demonstration is expected to be a sharp reply to the May Quinn "victory concert" which will be held tonight, at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. The "concert" is under the sponsorship of the reactionary American Education Association and other friends of the pro-fascist teacher.

Another call for support to the demonstration came yesterday from Parents United Against Bigotry, representing 5,000 parents.

Demonstration leaders will be O'Donnell; James Egert Allen, vice-chairman of the Civil Congress; Johannes Steel; Lloyd Gough of ties.

### Wagner, Mead Back Connolly Resolution

New York Senators Robert F. Wagner and James M. Mead yesterday endorsed Councilman Eugene P. Connolly's resolution to lift Columbia University's tax exemption because of its nationality quota system.

Other legislators backing Connolly's measure include New York Congressmen Vito Marcantonio, Adam Clayton Powell, Sol Bloom, John J. Rooney, Benjamin J. Rabin, Joseph L. Pfeiffer and Emanuel Celler. State Assemblymen Irwin Davidson and Hamlet Catenaccio and State Senator Elmer Quinn, have also given their support.

### Peron Renews Political Gag

BUENOS AIRES, May 16 (UPI)—The government by decree last night re-imposed the "statute of political parties," forbidding active politicians to hold public posts and placing political parties under semi-official controls.

The measure creates a government-appointed board with complete control over organization or reorganization of all political parties.

## Appoint Nazi War Criminal To High Post in British Zone

A man "who ought to be included among the war criminals" on trial at Nuremberg has been appointed "Special Economic Adviser" to the British in Germany, according to Aufbau, German-American weekly here.

The new appointee is Abraham Frowein, linked to I.G. Farben, who helped finance Hitler and acted as liaison between the industrialists and the Nazi Party.

Aufbau's charge that Frowein's appointment "may have the most dangerous consequences" came as Dr. Kurt Schumacher, right-wing Social Democratic leader in the

British zone, exposed the set-up in the police force there.

"Almost all" police officers in the British-run provinces of Hannover and Westphalia are former members of the Nazi Party, Schumacher told the Herald Tribune, according to a copyrighted story by Correspondent John Elliot from Berlin yesterday.

Schumacher further charged that former Nazis and militarists are infiltrating into the police force in the American zone, especially in Greater Hesse.

"If the American and British forces were to be withdrawn from

the Reich tomorrow," he warned, "there would be civil war and the arms would be in the hands of the bitterest foes of German democracy."

Schumacher "complained that the British authorities are aware of this situation and are not doing anything to remedy it," the reporter noted.

Prominent police officials cited as former Nazis include Lt. Col. Adolf Schultz, Hannover police chief; Lt. Col. Werner Bez, his deputy, and Maj. August Boltes, liaison officer between the German police and the British military government.

# Nickel Trust Seeks Monopoly, U.S. Charges

The International Nickel Co. of Canada, Ltd., its American subsidiary, and three corporation officers were charged in Federal Court yesterday with violation of American anti-trust laws in the important manufacture, distribution and sale of nickel ores, nickel and nickel products.

Attorney General Tom C. Clark filed the civil complaint charging that the companies, largest producers of nickel in the world, maintained their monopoly by cartel agreements with French and German competitors, including the notorious I. G. Farbenindustrie of Germany.

International Nickel long owned the productive nickel mines in Petsamo, when Petsamo was part of Finland. However, under the 1944 Finnish-Soviet peace pact, Finland returned Petsamo to the Soviet Union and the USSR later bought out INCO holdings.

The Department of Justice complaint charges that INCO and its American subsidiary imposed limits on the world production of nickel, fixed world-wide prices and restricted sales in world markets.

Corporation officers named in the complaint are Robert C. Stanley, chairman of both defendant corporations and chairman of the board of INCO, Ltd.; John F. Thompson, executive vice-president of both corporations, and Paul D. Merica, vice-president of both corporations.

The government charges conspiracy to restrain trade and to monopolize the nickel industry.

Defendant companies have combined assets of approximately \$300,000,000, according to Wendell Berge, Assistant Attorney General.

They control more than 90 percent of U.S. business in nickel ores, nickel and nickel products and they produced, shipped and sold a "major part" of nickel items for markets abroad, he added.

The government suit seeks complete separation of the business of INCO, Ltd., and its American subsidiary.

A court plan for redistribution of company assets to destroy the monopoly, prevent a continuance of trade restraints and open the nickel industry here to competition, is demanded by the Department of Justice.

## Flying Fort Crashes Into Peak; 2 Killed

FAIRFAX Cal., May 16 (UP)—A Flying Fortress crashed in the rugged foothills of Mount Tamalpais today but seven men of its crew of nine emerged from the wreckage alive though critically injured. The other two were killed.

# Communists Hold Parley on Election

By Max Gordon

Tonight's meeting of Communist officials and trade union leaders to discuss policy in the 1946 elections will have an important bearing on the state and congressional campaign in New York.

The meeting will take place at the Hotel Diplomat, 108 W. 43rd St., at 8 o'clock. Leaders of all community and industrial clubs and sections are expected to attend.

Robert Thompson, chairman of

the State organization, will lead off with an explanation of the policy decided upon by the State Committee last week. The remainder of the meeting will be devoted to floor discussion on that policy.

The meeting tonight, the first major gathering of Communists throughout the city in the current election drive, is expected to prepare the party for the early stages of the campaign. These stages will, in many respects, be decisive in shaping the entire campaign.

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# Lehman Opens Yugoslav Drive; Pleas for Rationing



**Launches Drive:** Former Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, ex-director of UNRRA, is getting a welcome from Yugoslav Americans on the U.S. Sub-Treasury Building steps at Wall and Nassau Sts., yesterday noon before he gave an address, opening the three-day tag drive by the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief of 235 E. 11th St. With Lehman is "Jinx" Falkenberg, radio and screen actress, who has been active in Yugoslav relief.

—Daily Worker Photo

Herbert H. Lehman, former Governor of New York State and ex-director of UNRRA, pleaded with Americans yesterday to ration food supplies at home in order to save millions from starving abroad.

Lehman's plea was broadcast from the steps of the U. S. Sub Treasury Building at Wall and Nassau streets at noon. He spoke during a light but steady drizzle at the ceremonies opening the three day tag drive of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief.

The food situation in Yugoslavia and other allied countries in Europe is worse than at any time since the defeat of the Germans, declared Lehman.

### MILLIONS WILL DIE

"We are going through the greatest emergency that has faced the United Nations since the end of the war," the former UNRRA leader continued.

Millions will die unless America furnishes more help than she can gather together by the voluntary sacrifices of individuals, he went on.

"Rationing," he added, "is the only way of caring for the situation and on ensuring equitable distribution."

Lehman lauded the Yugoslav as a "brave and determined people," who suffered unparalleled devastation in their war against the Axis.

The speaker's voice indicated his emotion as he told of the wrecked children's homes, the smashed scientific laboratories, the high rate of infant mortality and the appalling degree of tuberculosis that he had witnessed during an inspection trip to Yugoslavia as UNRRA chief.

Zlatko Balokovic, president of the relief committee, pointed out that one out of eight Yugoslavs had already given his life in the common world struggle against the Axis.

Jinx Falkenberg, radio and screen actress, who spoke in the name of Yugoslavs' women, emphasized that

one out of every three Partisan fighters was a woman.

Lt. Nada Kreigher and Lt. Co. Robert Noubaur, Yugoslav Army officers, and George Jessel, relief drive leader, joined in the appeal.

### 20,000 Save-OPA Pleas Go to Sen. Taft

The New York Citizens Political Action Committee has forwarded 20,000 signatures on Save OPA petitions to Sen. Robert A. Taft, member of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee.

A letter to the Senator from Dr. J. Raymond Walsh underscores that the Senate "must stand solidly behind the OPA bill, uncrippled by amendment."

# Cloakmakers Battle 'Like-It-Or-Not' \$12-14 Head Tax for New Building

The proposed \$12 to \$14 head tax to buy a \$400,000 headquarters is facing stormy opposition from members of the Cloakmakers' Joint Board of the ILGWU. Rank and filers who led a fight on the tax in the Cloak Finishers' Local 9 at Hotel Diplomat Wednesday night

got a big hand from many of the members and when it came to a formal vote the proposal scraped through by just 20 votes, according to the chairman's own count.

The official tally was 142 for the proposition and 122 against, with many abstaining.

A week earlier, a meeting of 1,200 cloak local shop chairmen showed overwhelming opposition to the tax proposal but were told "like it or not" the assessment would be levied. There, too, on the formal count, there were many abstentions.

### WHY THIS TAX?

Led by Nathan Kaplan, Charles Bornstein and Frank Blumenkrantz, rank and filer at the Local 9 meeting argued this way:

The Cloak Joint Board and its affiliates have lots of money in their treasuries, they said. The board has an annual income of \$80,000 and its expenses in the past five years have been light. The board has done no

organizing during this period, they added.

Rank and filers noted that cloakmakers recently got a raise of \$5. "Does the Joint Board want to take the raise back?" one rank and filer demanded. Another argued: "All good union members believe that when a local needs money, the members should pay it. But why this tax?"

Al Hyman, Local 9 manager, Sam Berman and A. Fisher, administration spokesman, explained only that the tax would go to buy "a fine new building" for the board.

Rank and filers pointed out that the ILGWU already owns buildings on 54th St. and 26th St., where the Union Health Center is to be housed. Why not take a lot in one of these? they asked. Or if that's not possible, why not wait until building materials are more readily available and costs lower?

Discussion was stormy. Opposition spokesmen had to fight for the floor

as always at these meetings. Voting was by show of hands.

The officialdom, seated up front, gave the voting signal, raising their hands on the aye vote. But the signal wasn't taken up.

Opposition to the administration clique flared again when the local's executive board, in the reading of its minutes, disclosed it had spent union money on a greeting to N. Chanin, bitter Social Democratic foe of the Soviet Union.

The announcement was booted by Local 9 members generally. Rank and filers took the floor and spoke against it. Chanin, who called for the destruction of the Soviet Union when the Nazis were at the gates of Stalingrad, is known as a Jewish quisling, they declared.

Operators Local 117, also a board affiliate, was to meet last night at Manhattan Center, to discuss a proposed \$14 per member tax toward the building project.

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After the new play, "On Whitman Avenue," by Maxine Wood, opened at the Cort Theatre last week, it was reviewed in PM by that paper's drama critic, Louis Kronenberger. In publishing this florid, confused and ivory-towerish denunciation of one of the season's most exciting and significant plays, PM has performed a disservice to its readers, to the growth of good theatre and to the cause of the struggle for equality for the Negro people.

Normal differences of opinion among drama critics have naturally manifested themselves concerning this play. For instance, Lewis Nichols of the Times wrote: "Miss Wood is not a practiced playwright," while William Hawkins of the *World-Telegram* wrote: "Maxine Wood has the firm painstaking touch of a Hellman." (Author of "Children's Hour" and "Watch on the Rhine.") Such differences of opinion are expected and healthy. But in his tone and 100% rejection of the play, Mr. Kronenberger represents a minority of one since all his colleagues were, in varying degrees, more favorable to the play than he. The many enthusiastic reviews and endorsements by such notable persons as Eleanor Roosevelt, Philip Murray, Oscar Sperling, Hon. Benjamin J. Davis, Margaret Webster, to mention a few, negate Mr. Kronenberger's critical judgment in this instance.

There has been difference of opinion about the play among the audiences, too. When the curtain rang down on the opening night, however, the applause and cheers from the audience constituted a demonstration of approval amounting to an ovation. It was similar to the opening night performance of the historic "The Cradle Will Rock." Whenever a play creates that sort of excitement, you may be sure it has made contact with that intangible element the critics call theatre.

Mr. Kronenberger hardly rendered an opinion. He spouted critical double talk. If any of PM's readers are unfortunate enough to accept his short-sighted impressions they will miss some of the most moving scenes and emotional explosions Broadway has given us this season.

Mr. Kronenberger reminds us of the man who went to see a mountain, but didn't get there because he stumbled over some pebbles on the way. "On Whitman Avenue" with its vivid presentation of one of the most tremendous problems of our times, looms with the strength of a mountain above the theatrical twaddle, the smallness of trick dialogue and the phony situations and the bleak perspectives of most Broadway plays. It has scenes which bring you to the edge of your seat with that kind of tension you feel when you come face to face with basic human issues, with the great conflicts of reality. It is hard to believe that Mr. Kronenberger was as totally deaf and blind to these values as his conclusions point. In fact, the contradictions in his review suggest that he was even out of step with his own thoughts.

In his review, Mr. Kronenberger admitted that "the issue in 'On Whitman Avenue' is vital and immediate; the situation is all too believable; the final outcome quite logical." A few sentences later he contradicted himself with the complaint that since the issue "is a problem that can only be stated, that

cannot be solved, the play admits of no fundamental progression . . . ."

Many reviewers have praised the play for the precise reason that Miss Wood did not attempt to put over a theatrical solution of a problem which has not been solved in life itself. Any competent critic knows that some of the greatest dramas deal with human problems which cannot be solved dramatically. Yet, it does not follow that any such play "admits of no fundamental progression . . . ." Ibsen's "Ghosts" is a widely-known example. The fact is that such a play can, as "On Whitman Avenue" does, contribute to the fundamental progression in life itself. To paraphrase Shakespeare:

" . . . The play's the thing  
To catch the conscience of the people."

Mr. Kronenberger talks about people. He finds fault because the play "started with a problem instead of with people . . . ."

In the very next paragraph he forgets that he wrote this and refutes himself in these words: "For something like half the evening, Miss Wood succeeds in holding your interest while she unfolds her situation, introduces her characters, indicates the growing tension, brings matters to a head . . . ." In other words, PM's reviewer confesses he was interested because the play started with a problem about people! What contrariety!

WE ARE fed up on the destructive whimsicalities and irresponsibilities of such reviewers. On Monday night, the PM critic went to see the Old Vic Theatre Company play Shakespeare's *Henry IV, Part I*. On Tuesday night he saw Part II, and by that time he "was lifted up and let down from scene to scene; never precisely bored . . . ." By Wednesday night when he saw *On Whitman Avenue* at the Cort Theatre he was not keyed for the smashing modern problem which jarred him. That one play can so affect another in a sensitive critic's mind was revealed by Mr. Kronenberger himself when he wrote in PM: "Hence, on Tuesday night I was not keyed to the same emotional pitch that I was on Monday . . . ."

There is a tremendous need for the widest support of this powerful play, "On Whitman Avenue." It must not be left to the reviewers to decide the fate of a drama which has so many splendid features: a stirring story which boldly presents one of the timeliest problems of the people; the brilliant acting of Canada Lee, Will Geer and Perry Wilson, with able support from Hilda Vaughn and Abbie Mitchell; Margo Jones' fine direction and Donald Oenslager's impressive setting and lighting.

The theme of "On Whitman Avenue" reaches into the very heart of the day-to-day problems of the people. The realization of the burning necessity to solve this problem, which the play projects with penetrating force, contributes to the solution because it stirs the conscience of the people who alone can solve it. It, therefore, becomes important for every person to see this play and to do everything possible to help create the widest audiences.

I attended the opening night performance of "On Whitman Avenue" in order to write a review for the *Fraternal Outlook*, the official monthly magazine of

the International Workers Order, which has devoted itself since its organization in 1930 to the fight for Negro rights and equality. The totally inept review by PM's acerbic Mr. Kronenberger has made it necessary to deal sharply with this sort of criticism which blows up the play's minor dramatic faults beyond all proportion and hurts the fight against Jim Crow.

WHAT the author of a play cannot say about the solution of the problem of Jim Crow because of inherent dramatic limitations, the International Workers Order can state out of its wide experience in fighting Jim Crow. The people must organize against it. Negro and white must unite. Right here in New York City, for instance, the people must make sure that Jim Crow does not raise its ugly head in the Stuyvesant Housing project. I recall that when IWO Lodge 706 was chartered in Staten Island last year one of its first actions was to organize a fight against landlords who refused to rent apartments to Negroes. The Staten Island Council for Democracy took up the battle. Jacob Scott, chairman of the Council's Housing Committee declared at that time: "We ask that Staten Island be a home for colored people as well as for white people. One answer to discrimination is organization, and for organizations like the IWO to come out openly against discrimination."

Our Order is doing that wherever we have lodges and members in eighteen states and the District of Columbia. Moreover, we are building many IWO lodges in Negro communities. As a result of these activities, our Negro membership doubled in 1945. In the fight for equality the existence of a progressive fraternal organization like the IWO with 183,000 Negro and white members has great significance. In Harlem, IWO Lodge 691 is establishing a big interracial center, Solidarity House.

We also organize, sponsor and support people's cultural activities, especially those of national group and interracial character. In pre-war days IWO lodges and nationality societies had established literally hundreds of dramatic groups producing skits, pageants, one-act and full-length plays, to help develop good theatre and a theatre for the people. That is one of the reasons we give such importance to *On Whitman Avenue*.

In singling out Mr. Kronenberger's review, we do so not only because of its extreme display of animus, but because he reflects an attitude characteristic of those who belittle the issue of Negro rights by attacking the form in which the issue is presented. PM itself has frequently dramatized this and related issues in its own journalistic form. Those who did not like to see the issue come out have answered: "But it's not newspaper." In effect, Mr. Kronenberger says: "But it's not theatre."

We urge all theatregoers to see it and judge for themselves. We appeal to the editors of PM to give Mr. Kronenberger a much-needed rest by sending another reviewer who can approach the play objectively and correct an injustice already done.

EUGENE KONECKY,  
Managing Editor, *IWO Fraternal Outlook*.

**— UNION LOOKOUT —**

Va. Textile Union Goes to Town  
In Motorized Poltax Drive

By Dorothy Loeb



CIO textile workers in Virginia spear-headed a "pay your poll-tax" drive that brought close to a thousand new voters to the election rolls. Members of Textile Local 371 formed a car pool that hauled workers and their families in Front Royal, Va., to the county seat to register and pay the \$1.50 voting tax. . . . A study by C. Wright Mills in the *Public Opinion Quarterly* reveals that AFL leaders average between 45 and 70 years old, with 25 percent over 60 and seven percent over 70. CIO leaders average between 30 and 45, and only three percent are over 60, none over 70. Forty-six percent of CIO leaders are high school graduates, 32 percent of them went to college; a higher percentage in both groupings than the AFL.

Close to 35,000 steel workers and iron ore miners, members of the CIO United Steelworkers, are still out on strike against 65 fabrication and iron ore companies for 18 1/2 cent hourly wage increases in conformity with the national wage pattern. Only one basic steel producer is still holding out. . . . The states where the CIO organizing drive in the South will operate will be Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, southern West Virginia and Virginia.

The International Association of Machinists has ended its strike at Consolidated Vultee Aircraft on the basis of a 1-year no-strike, no-lockout clause, a 15 percent wage increase, maintenance of membership and checkoff. The strike, which lasted 14 weeks, was marked by police raids, arrests, injunctions and mass picketing. . . . In Detroit, strikers from the Detroit Steel Products Co. picketed the home of Edgar R. Ailes, executive. Ailes called the cops and the riot squad turned out, armed with guns and gas on its first mission since it was set up three years ago. Use of the riot squad against peaceful pickets is part of the technique of Mayor Jeffries, who is bidding for Republican nomination for governor and wants to show the GOP he is really anti-labor.



Vet Figures Reveal  
—We Need a Bonus

By Joseph Clark

Statistics are often very dull. With everyone talking about the veterans problem, however, an examination of some facts and figures can be a guide to action. In this respect the monthly statistical summary of Veterans Administration activities is extremely useful. But beware of one danger when examining figures. These numbers are human beings. They stand for Jack who was in the ETO and Jill who served in the Pacific and Bill who may have been transferred from cadre to cadre without ever being shipped.

As of April 30 this year there were 15,884,000 veterans in the U.S. 11,904,000 of them were World War II vets. Of these World War II veterans 1,623,738 were paid unemployment allowances. Nor does that figure tell the story of unemployment among Ex-GIs. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, VA chief, reminds the public that many veterans who are out of jobs have yet to register for the unemployment insurance.

The story of GI loans is very revealing. With all the ballyhoo about these loans and the liberalization that followed the changes in the GI Bill only 177,102 vets have applied for loans. The number of guarantee commitments granted is smaller of course, 131,270. This would indicate that despite the loan "opportunities" only a tiny minority can even hope to take advantage of this provision. It costs too much to build a house. It's almost impossible for an ex-GI to get a loan to buy a farm. Business opportunities exist mostly in books on the subject.

A tremendous number of vets have registered for education and training under public law 346 (The GI Bill of Rights), 2,180,932. Of these however, only 620,465 are actually in school or getting on the job training. Why the discrepancy?

There are 25,471 veterans awaiting admission to hospitals. While existing facilities are taxed to capacity it is good to see that 78 new hospitals have been authorized. But the actual number of new hospitals under construction at the end of April was 2. These figures are a sad

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# Judge Reserves Decision In Reed Extradition Case

Justice Ernest E. L. Hammer yesterday reserved judgment in Supreme Court in the habeas corpus hearings on the extradition case of Lorenzo Reed, a Negro fugitive from Florida's Road Camp 32.

Reed told the court he had been beaten unmercifully, placed in a "sweat box," threatened with death, and in general subjected to inhuman punishment.

Reed was convicted in 1942 of alleged robbery, for which he denies guilt, and was subsequently sentenced to 25 years in the state prison. He was taken to Road Camp 32, one of the state's many prison camps, and almost immediately, he charged, began suffering abuse by the guards.

On April 12, 1945, he said yesterday, he was severely beaten by a guard, who shouted: "Nigger, I'm tired of you. I'm going to kill you before the day is over!"

Gid Lowledge, Florida prison transfer agent, solemnly denied that he had ever seen a sweat box in all his travels over the Florida prison system. He had, however, seen solitary confinement chambers, he said.

These chambers, Lowledge said, were four by four feet, open at the top and stood in the broiling hot sun. He likened the solitary confinement chambers to the disciplinary practices of other states, asserting that solitary confinement was practiced in all state and federal prisons.

The hearings before Justice Ernest L. Hammer were a petition for a writ of habeas corpus that would deny Florida the custody of Reed, although Governor Dewey has signed his extradition papers.

Reed's counsel, Sol H. Cohn, of the New York Civil Rights Congress, cited precedents which denied extradition on the grounds of eminent reprisal by the prison officials who requested the return of the fugitives. Cohn emphasized that Reed would face violent punishment and probable death if returned to Florida.

Earlier Reed told of a prisoner that had escaped and was murdered on his return.

Lowledge, minimizing Reed's testimony on the camp's regime, testified that he had returned about 50 or 60 fugitives to Florida, and some had actually asked to go back to Road Camp 32.

When asked whether Florida had chain gangs, he denied their existence but remembered a few "extra bad prisoners" that had to be shackled for their own protection.

Lowledge claimed that Florida's penal system was a model one, and that Reed had nothing to fear when he reached there.

### Hours Count in Fight for Lorenzo Reed

Louis Colman, executive secretary of the New York Civil Liberties Congress said yesterday that "either Justice Ernest E. L. Hammer or Gov. Dewey can stop the extradition of Lorenzo Reed to the chain gang. Both have the legal power."

"Justice Hammer has reserved decision," he said. "Gov. Dewey has side-stepped the issue and disclaimed responsibility."

"Reed must not go back."

"The Civil Rights Congress of New York calls upon the people of the state to express themselves forcefully and quickly. Hours count."

## 'Holiday' Halts Yonkers Works

YONKERS, May 16.—City Manager Robert Craig Montgomery reneged on his promises, so 600 CIO members in the Yonkers Department of Public Works held a one-day "holiday" today.

ashes and garbage were uncollected. Sewer and park department employees walked out. Only emergency crews were left on the job.

Dan Allen, representative of the United Public Workers of America, said Montgomery had promised a \$120 cost of living adjustment to 18 water meter inspectors and had promised to extend the present two-week vacation period for the department to three weeks, but later backed down.

The Yonkers City Council, Allen said, supported Montgomery in his decision to junk the promises although it was acknowledged all around that the promises had been made.

Regarding the 18 raises, the City Manager said only that he had made "an error, an honest error."



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# The Princess and the Pauper

By John Meldon

IT seems, according to a well-informed source named Princess Deer H. White Wing Clear Water, a direct if somewhat far-removed descendant of famed Pocahontas, that Europe and Asia are not the only spots in the world where there are DPs, or displaced persons—we have them right here in the United States.

I had a long talk with Princess Clear Water the other day. (The H. in her name is an inner family tribal designation meaning horns, she told me.) In everyday life the Princess is plain Dorothy Patterson, an educated, aggressive woman who is determined that this government shall meet its obligations regarding American Indians.

The Princess, a tallish, robust



person, came to my attention through an advertisement appearing in one of our big newspapers. It was a want ad, appealing for a "counselor-in-law, one with reciprocity in the Southern states, to represent a group of American Indians, remnants of the Powhatan Confederacy, descendants of the family of Pocahontas."

The advertisement went on to say: "Prefer lawyer with humanitarian tendencies, to get back birthright of this group who have been robbed of their heritage by faulty census takers."

I contacted the Princess and said: "Come on down to our paper and tell us about it. We're interested in any people who have been robbed of their heritage whether it be American Indians, or a much larger section of the population known as the American working class."

Well, I found myself talking to a highly volatile descendant of Pocahontas in no time at all, because she left the Fifth Ave. Library where she was doing



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some research on the issue and came right down. She was dressed conventionally except for an unusual looking hat with a border of colored Indian beads. Her hair

was in two long braids over each shoulder.

"There are about 1,400 Indians of the Chickahominy, Nansemond, Mattaponi and Pamunkey tribes living in squalor, and without a country within a country, only a few hundred miles from here," she said angrily. "I have been to see them and they need help."

She said these displaced original Americans can be found eking out a miserable existence down in the James River region outside Roxbury, Virginia.

"Somewhere back in the hectic history of the days following the Civil War these tribes were lost in the shuffle," she said. "Homeless Virginians shoved them out of their lands, seeking a roof of their own. The collapse of the census system immediately following the Civil War left these Indians unaccounted for and actually without social status of any kind."

The Indians drifted, some to the hills, some along the river, she said. Eventually when the census

was resumed, usually manned by drunken political job holders, some were classified as "gypsies," others as propertyless itinerant sharecroppers or farm hands.

Meanwhile, she said, the government's Office of Indian Affairs lost their records. Consequently, over the years, the tribes drifted into obscurity and nonentity.

"I want to call public attention to their plight," said Princess Clear Water. "They are Americans, and deserve at least a minimum of help. Some of the schools in Virginia refuse to admit the children as Negroes. If I can help restore their rights through the Office of Indian Affairs and help them secure a health station and perhaps a commercial high school, I will feel happy."

I am in hearty sympathy with the Princess' efforts. I think while we're at it, though, we ought to start checking up on and helping some hundreds of thousands of other American DPs—people like returned veterans, for example.

## Letters from Our Readers

### Divide and Rule Still Favorite Game

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

R. Palme Dutt's report on the progress of the conference between the British Cabinet Mission-Indian National Congress-Moslem League in India clearly indicates the British have deliberately made proposals that would sow disagreements between the two great Indian political bodies. In other words, the British are at their favorite game of divide and rule.

From an article in the monthly *Current History*, May, 1933, by D. N. Bannerjea (an Indian scholar), the following lines merit a re-reading at this time:

"The idea that India is to be prepared gradually for freedom by foreign rulers, seeking in the first instance the greater glory of England and committed to the belief that India is not capable of

self-government, cannot be accepted as reasonable.

"Only those who are ignorant of the magnitude of British interests in India can believe that Great Britain will willingly prepare the country for self-government."

A. R.

### British Empire History Capitalism at Its Ugliest

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

Demosthenes, in one of his "Public Orations," said in part: "Mark the situation, men of Athens, mark the pitch which the man's outrageous insolence has reached when he does not even give you a choice between action and inaction . . . he is always casting his nets wide. The strong necessity a free people can experience is the shame they must feel at their position when a man from Macedonia orders the affairs of Greece."

His words, uttered about 20

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centuries ago, deserve being recalled when we witness the dire plight in which British imperialism, aided by American imperialism, holds the people of Greece.

Long ago Engels pointed out when the British speak of morality they mean the pound sterling. They are still at it.

Now, when they name a Runciman Mission as "impartial mediator," they mean to push a country like Czechoslovakia into concessions to their waiting invaders; when they scream "non-intervention" they mean gaining time and a free hand to murder a Republic like Spain; when they voice the pious outcry of defending the "life-line of the empire,"

they mean to keep under a more or less disguised control helpless countries like Greece.

The history of the British empire is the history of capitalism at its ugliest, exploiting its faraway victims for the enrichment of the titled few living in luxury at home

R. C.

### Plight of Retired Social Security Workers

Rome, N.Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Your paper is doing a fine job for the workers. Why not now vigorously urge more liberal payments be made to retired social security workers?

The average payments amount to only \$24.50 per month. How can a person live on that? Raizes are the rule with nearly everyone but the worker retired on social security. You will be doing a commendable thing if you publicize these facts.

G. P. N.

### Let's Face It

## Murray and 'False Prophets'

By Max Gordon

ONE passage in Philip Murray's opening statement to the United Steelworkers' convention that can stand constant repetition is the following:

"Ever since the CIO was founded there have been wishful thinkers, seeking its destruction, who have gone to the gossip columns, the rumor mongers, the purveyors of half-truths and fictions, with tales of division in our ranks, of purges and splits and factions and conflicts.

"The volume and intensity of these emissions have risen and fallen from year to year, from month to month, and even from day to day, like the tides of the ocean."

In the last weeks, the "volume and intensity" of the tales and rumors of division in the CIO, of purges against the "Communists," hit a new high. On the day the Steel convention opened, several papers carried "dope" stories about how the union was going to change its constitution to ban Communists from holding office.

Nothing like it happened, of course. The only statement made by Murray which referred at all to Communists simply said the Union would "not tolerate efforts by outsiders—individuals, organizations or groups—whether they be Communist, Socialist or any other group, to infiltrate, dictate or meddle in our affairs."

HE went on to say that he did not "direct my remarks to any one person or group." He had in mind, he explained, "any force out-

side our union membership." Certainly, a fair statement.

But you can't cross up the newspaper boys like that and get away with it. They predicted Murray would "declare war on the Communists" and by God they would see to it that he did. And so the headlines and stories all yelped that Murray and the union had attacked "Communist meddling," that Murray had "declared war on the Communists," and so on.

They calmly overlooked these paragraphs in Murray's policy statement which completely confounded their "prophecies," which were actually forms of pressure on the CIO leader:

"At the same time, however, we will not permit any limitation on the free and democratic right of full discussion of trade union problems in our own ranks. We must not and do not seek interference with the free and democratic right of each member to practice such religion as he chooses, harbor such views as he chooses, in his private life as a citizen. Our union has not been and will not be an instrument of repression. It is a vehicle for economic and social progress."

"As a democratic institution, we engage in no purges, no witch-hunts. We do not dictate a man's thoughts or beliefs. Most important of all, we do not permit ourselves to be stampeded into courses of action which create division among our members and sow the disunity which is sought by those false prophets and hypocritical advisers from without who mean us no good."

WHO are these "false prophets and hypocritical advisers from without" who mean the Steelworkers no good? They include,

course, the general run of the press who hate progressive labor and would like to see it disrupted by internal struggle.

They include the reactionary leaders of the AFL who staged a violent red-baiting performance at their Southern conference last week precisely in order to try to provoke Murray into starting a bitter internal struggle in the CIO on the false Communist issue.

But they include also some alleged "friends" of the CIO, people like the Social Democrat Victor Riesel of the *New York Post*.

For weeks Riesel has been telling his readers to watch what Murray was going to do to the Communists at the Steelworkers' convention. When the CIO utility workers passed an anti-Communist clause some weeks ago, he "predicted" it would set the pattern for the entire CIO.

Last Saturday, a few days before the convention, he "predicted" Murray "will assail American Communist activity when he delivers his keynote speech at the opening session of the United Steelworkers' convention . . ."

But the cocksure Mr. Riesel, who might be quite harmless if he weren't given a newspaper column to play with, was undismayed by Murray's actual performance Tuesday.

He wrote the next day about how Murray had declared war on the Communists in the CIO.

Murray, an astute union leader, had declared war alright, but it was against the "false prophets and hypocritical advisers" of the Riesel stripe who would weaken labor by dividing it on fake issues. Murray knows that the strength of a trade union depends upon its unity and his policy declaration was a statesmanlike affirmation of that unity.

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## A Life and Death Challenge

THE current moves in the Senate to hogtie the trade unions through anti-labor laws are typical of monopoly capital's answer to the demands of the workers for a living wage.

Labor has been fighting for the chance to live. While the corporations have been making fabulous profits, the working class has been suffering severe cuts in its living standards since the war ended.

When it dares to fight to improve its position somewhat, Big Business and its representatives in Congress react not by correcting the abuse, but by trying to take away labor's chief weapon for making that necessary correction.

If the miners are on strike today, it is because they have had no increase in their basic pay since before the war while their living costs have gone up nearly 60 percent.

It is because they are forced to live under primitive health conditions, constantly fearful of accidents that will take their lives or cripple them, always facing illness and unemployment with little or no protection.

These are at the bottom of this and most other strikes today. The labor-haters in Congress know this. That is why they are so reluctant to accept the proposal of the Senate Labor Committee to investigate the real cause of strikes before trying to pass their labor-crippling measures.

They want to take advantage of the artificially created hysteria against the miners and the railroad workers that they and their newspapers have been actively whipping up in order to shackle labor.

They hope not only to weaken labor's fight on the industrial front. They hope also to destroy the trade unions as an effective force in the fight for price control and for all the social welfare measures projected in FDR's economic bill of rights.

More than that, as Sidney Hillman told the Steelworkers' convention, it is primarily labor's responsibility to lead the fight against the nation's drive to war.

Monopoly capital's battle to cripple labor is also designed to remove this major obstacle in the path of the imperialists as they pursue their aim of world domination.

All this is involved in the fight against the Case bill and its Senate version. It is a fight that needs the full mobility not only of the labor movement, but of all the American people.

## Congress Harkens—A Little

THIS is an election year. In an election year you can always count on Congress to be a little more sensitive to the voice of the American people.

That explains the action of the House and Senate in partially resisting the demand of the Truman Administration and the War Department for a full, unconditional renewal of the draft law.

More than that, this action proves the growing uneasiness of the people over the direction of our foreign policy and the continued use of our troops in places where they have no good anti-fascist reason for being.

Congress was only partially responding to the voice of the people back home when it extended the draft for 60 days and exempted fathers and 'teen-agers. It wasn't listening hard enough.

The people back home want, first and foremost, peace. They see nothing peaceful in any draft law that backs up an Army of two million spread aggressively all over the map.

They want adequate defense and security, of course, and during the war they showed that they supported a democratic selective service bill for the defense of our country. But there is hardly a question of defense in the brazen occupation of Iceland, a country 2,000 miles away, which doesn't want or need our troops and whose occupation is a direct provocation to our wartime ally, the Soviet Union. Incidentally, Soviet troops, right on schedule, evacuated the island of Bornholm, off the coast of Denmark, a key island just 200 miles—not 2,000—from the USSR.

The American people learned during the course of the war that our national security lay in collaboration with our anti-fascist allies, the Soviet Union and Great Britain. They haven't forgotten that lesson. That is why they are telling the vote-conscious Congressmen in no uncertain terms that they want, not a draft law, amended or otherwise, but a real policy of peace.



### WASHINGTON NOTES

## The Alabama Primary

by Rob F. Hall



### WASHINGTON.

A TESTIMONIAL to Luther Patrick's popularity among labor-liberal groups in Washington was the vast sigh of relief when word reached here last Friday that he still has a chance to retain his seat in Congress.

The first reports were that Patrick, who has represented the Birmingham, Ala., district here off and on since 1936, was beaten in the May 17 primary by Maj. Laurie Battle. In fact, Patrick himself was so certain that Battle had a clear majority that he sent him a telegram of congratulations and virtually conceded defeat.

But election officials began counting absentee ballots on Friday. The final results were:

Battle	23,381
Patrick	17,925
Dubose	5,578

Briefly, Battle lacked a majority of all ballots cast by a narrow 121 votes. Under Alabama primary law, Battle must fight a return engagement with Patrick in a run-off June 4.

Because he has a liberal voting record, Patrick has the support of CIO, CIO-PAC, the AFL and the Railroad Brotherhoods. Usually he has also received the votes of the 800 to 1,000 Negroes who have voted in the Democratic primaries in Jefferson County for a number of years. He is opposed by the Chamber of Commerce crowd, the power trust and the steel interests.

Patrick is one of those superbly confident people who finds it hard to believe ill of any one. When the CIO boys frantically urged him to return to the district and help campaign, he didn't worry. Some of his business men "friends" had told him it was in the bag and that Battle didn't have a prayer.

Finally Patrick did go to Birmingham and found the unionists

were right and the businessmen had deliberately given him the wrong dope. Battle, with the support of the corporations and utilizing his war record, had quietly built up an impressive following.

It was too late to affect the outcome, and the result was that in the first primary Battle piled up a big lead over Patrick.

But Patrick and his labor friends now have almost three weeks to conduct their campaign. They must get all of Dubose's vote and recapture some of Battle's if Patrick is to win June 4. It won't be easy.

Some Washington newspaper comment distorts the facts in the Alabama primary.

Jim Folsom, backed by labor-farmer groups, who led the field in the gubernatorial race, is pictured as some kind of clown, an Alabama version of Pappy O'Daniels and Jimmy Davis. Actually Folsom is a thoughtful, educated son of the people. His use of a hillbilly band in his campaign shouldn't blind any one to the fact that he has a progressive program, based on a fairly good understanding of the role of labor in the progressive movement.

His favorable references to Gov. Arnall of Georgia indicate that the 6-foot-8-inch candidate will, if he wins the run-off June 4, give Alabama its most progressive administration in many years.

But his victory is certainly not to be taken for granted. He must still win a clear majority before he is definitely in.

Comment on the defeat handed Joe Starnes by Rep. Albert Rains in the 5th Congressional District is

likewise misleading. One writer, for instance, expresses amazement that the "predominantly rural" 5th district should elect a progressive.

In the first place, Rains is not a full-blooded progressive. While FDR was alive, Rains voted for the Administration program. During the past year, he has sometimes yielded to reactionary pressure, voting for the Case bill, for the Dirksen amendment to give USES back to the states, and against the Powell amendment to the school lunch bill. On the crucial votes on OPA and veterans housing, Rains was absent.

In the second place, the 5th district includes the city of Gadsden where there are large steel mills, stove foundries, textile mills and tire factories. These workers are organized, mostly in CIO, and they played a decisive role in defeating Starnes two years ago and again on May 7. Although the district includes the blackbelt counties of Tallapoosa and Chambers, it is largely made up of hill counties, where small farmers predominate. Among them, the Farmers Union is relatively strong and has lots of influence. These are the groups that went down the line for Rains in order to block Starnes, the former Dies Committee member.

Latest reports from Alabama are that Mrs. Pauline Thomas Dobbs, former state secretary of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, was one of the 14 highest candidates for the state legislature from Jefferson county and therefore will be in the run-off. Seven of the 14 will be elected. Mrs. Dobbs was thirteenth in a field of 35.

## Worth Repeating

Joseph E. Davies, speaking at the American-Russian Institute dinner honoring Franklin D. Roosevelt, said: "It was American-Russian mutual understanding and confidence which insured unity vital to winning the war. That was a distinctive contribution of President Roosevelt, not only to victory, but to any hope for a durable peace. That was the legacy which our President left not only to our country but to humanity."

"Unless, that inheritance is preserved through continued mutual confidence, both as to purposes and conduct, there will be no peace."

# Free Czechoslovakian Workers Hail May Day



**May Day Demonstration in Prague:** At left a group of students—part of the more than 160,000 persons in Prague who celebrated the first free May Day in seven years—march proudly, bearing white, blue and red national flags and the red banners of the Czech Communist Party. Above are the great crowds which overflowed into side streets as Clement Gottwald, vice-premier and chairman of the Communist Party, addresses the large crowd. In front is a group of railroadmen carrying banners and signs which read: "The C.P. is a party of honest work and a clean record." The building in the background is the Czech National Museum. Similar demonstrations took place in every city and village in Czechia and Moravia. In Slovakia 600,000 workers marched in May First demonstrations under the banners of the Slovak Communist Party. Viliam Siroky, deputy vice-premier of the central Prague government and chairman of the Slovak Communist Party, addressed a crowd of over 30,000 in Bratislava. The main theme of all Communist speeches in Czechoslovakia was: Build a happier future in a People's Democracy. Reconstruction of the country—the best reply to fascist reaction.

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### Tonight Manhattan

VILLAGE Club Sheridan in an evening of just solid, unconfined fun. Dance if you like, sing if you want to and by all means hear "Cisco" and his strolling guitar. 430 Sixth Ave. (bet. 9 and 10 Sts.). Proceeds for the Freeport Comm. 8:30 p.m. "THE TRIESTE DISPUTE" and other latest developments of the Paris conference and "The Coal Crisis: Should the Mines Be Nationalized?" Alan Max of the Daily Worker will lead the discussion in the light of the week's events. Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave., cor. 18th St., at 8:45 p.m. 50¢.

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REUNION SPRING DANCE of N. Y. District United Public Workers of America (formerly SCMWA, CIO), Friday, May 17, Manhattan Center. Continuous dancing, entertainment. Adm. \$1.25 plus tax.

### Tonight Brooklyn

CRISIS IN CHINA, a review of the week featuring Alfred Goldstein, at Brownsville Annex, Jefferson School, 1602 Pitkin Ave., near Hopkinson Ave. 9 p.m. 25¢.

### Tonight Long Island

ATTENTION Rego-Park, Forest Hills, Kew Gardens Club! Samuel Sillen speaks on "Art as a Weapon" on Friday, May 17, in the Cocktail Lounge at Lost Battalion Hall, at 8:30 p.m. Come and bring your friends.

### Tonight Manhattan

PIUETTE PETE of the Village Barn will call the lively steps of the square dance you'll learn so quickly. Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave., cor. 18th St., at 8:30 p.m. 75¢.

MOISHE KATZ will speak at the Forum of the School of Jewish Studies Saturday, May 18, 3 p.m., in 13 Astor Place, 10th floor, on "The Report of the Anglo-American Commission on Palestine." This forum will be conducted in Yiddish. Adm. 35¢.

CCNY-AYD present their first Spring Dance, Sat., May 18, 77 Fifth Ave. 8:30-? Pete Seeger and his band.

SWING, SWING Your Pretty Thing, AYD Dance-A-Round. Full evening of square dancing and folk singing. Timely skit. Refreshments. Adm. 60¢ 8:30 p.m. American Folkway Group Furriers Union Hall, 250 W. 26th St.

GREAT BIROBIDJAN CONCERT. Sat., May 18, 8 p.m. at Town Hall, 123 W. 43rd St. Regina Reznik, leading soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Co., Ray Lev, concert pianist, Mischa Mishakoff, concert violinist. Tickets \$2.40, \$1.80 and \$1.20 at box office.

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NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS pre-convention party. Nat. Turner Club, 103 W. 10th St., Saturday, May 18, 9 p.m. until—. Dancing, refreshments. Sub. \$1.

### Tomorrow Bronx

WOODY GUTHRIE at Bronx Cabaret. Two-hour show. Food, dancing—only 60¢. Saturday, May 18, 8:30 p.m., 2700 Olivine Ave. (Allerton Ave. station). Proceeds: Party Food. Allerton Youth Branch CP.

BROADWAY entertains the Bronx when Earl Jones of "Strange Fruit" and Progressive Dance Group join the party. Sat., May 18, at 9 West Burnside Ave., 8:30 p.m. Refreshments. Adm. 85¢. Fordham Youth Club, CP.

### Tomorrow Brooklyn

THE BRIGHTON CENTER calls upon all friends to come to its 14th anniversary Sat., May 18, 8:30 p.m. Program: Brighton Chorus, Mandolin Orchestra, Mark Feder and Musica Dance Band. 3200 Coney Island Ave.

### Tomorrow Long Island

MEET your old friends in Old New York party tomorrow night, 8:30 p.m. 30-47 Steinway St., Astoria. Astoria Youth Club, CP.

### Coming

HIGH-HO, come to the Kings County Fair sponsored by the Brooklyn American Labor Party at Billmore Hall, 2230 Church Ave., Brooklyn; May 20th and 21st, 11 a.m. to midnight, sale of merchandise, square dance, home-cooked meals.

FIRST ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT of the School of Jewish Studies, Saturday, May 25, Town Hall. Program: Jewish People's Philharmonic Chorus, Max Helfman, conductor; Max Polkoff, violin; Shmuel Bellison, clarinet; Sidney Foster, piano; Benjamin Zemach, dramatic recitations; and string quartet of the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra. Prof. Frederic Ewer, chairman. Tickets at \$1.20, \$1.00 and \$2.40 can be obtained at the office of the school, 13 Astor Place, Greenwich 7-1881; at the office of the Jewish Music Alliance, 1 Union Square, at the Morning Freilheit office, 35 E. 12th St., and at Rapoport & Cutler, 1327 Southern Blvd., Bronx.

### Newark, N. J.

18TH ANNUAL Concert. Sun., May 19, 8 p.m. Weequahic High School, Newark. Philharmonic Choral Society presents Schaeffer's Oratorio "Moshiah Ben Joseph," accompanied by symphonic orchestra. Flora Aver, soprano soloist. Janette Barnet at piano. Mendy Shain, conductor.

### Philadelphia, Pa.

SPRING Fever Spree. Wanna have fun? Have a ball? Then come on down to Postal Hall. Dancing, music, food and all. Sat., May 18, 9 p.m. cost. 50¢. 3048 Brown St. Adm. 25¢.

15th A.D. North

## Bronx, Queens Communists Vie for Recruiting Honors

Following the lead of their big brother Manhattan and Brooklyn organizations, the Bronx and Queens County Committees of the Communist Party have entered into competition with each other in the current membership drive.

In addition to the county organizations, six Bronx sections will compete directly against six Queens sections.

The competition will be based on the largest percentage of the total goal recruited from May 9 to the end of the drive. The losing county will award a new Speed-O-Print mimeograph machine and 25 reams of paper to the highest section in the winning county.

At the moment, Bronx County is doing a better job in signing up members. It has 539 new members

out of a 1,500 goal, or 35.8 per cent. has gained 244 members in the

The Queens County organization drive out of a goal of 825, or 30 per cent.

These figures will not count in the competition, however, since they represent the standing as of May 9.

Here are the sections in competition with each other and the standings:

Bronx County	Goal So Far	%	Queens	Goal So Far	%	
Tremont	225	90	40	North Shore	125	57
Hunts Point	175	84	48	Jamaica	175	60
Concourse	235	56	24	Sunnyside	175	39
Allerton	125	39	31	Forest Hills	100	29
Allerton	200	76	38	Astoria	125	25

### These Not in Competition

Prospect	100	36	36	Far Rockaway	75	18	24
Mt. Eden	125	61	49	Industrial	75	16	21
Fordham	150	38	25				
Moshulu	125	29	23				
Kingsbridge	125	30	24				

Total ..... 1500 539 35.8 Total ..... 825 244 30

In addition, the railroad branches in the Sunnyside Section in Queens and the railroad branch in the Concourse section of the Bronx are in competition.

### Prescott House Fund Drive Starts Tonight

The Committee to Save Prescott House will start the ball rolling tonight to raise funds to purchase the community center, at a meeting at the Veterans Cantonment, 340 E. 54 St.

Speakers at the meeting will be Councilman Stanley M. Isaacs, Rev. Russell F. Auman of the St. Peters Lutheran Church, Vincent Albano, Democratic leader, Mauro A. Costanzo, patrolman in charge of youth work at the 17th precinct.

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Communists at Work:

# 55% Ohio Recruits Are Basic Workers

By Martin Chancey

In setting forth Ohio's objectives in the Party Building Drive of 1,000 new members, 50 percent of whom shall come from basic industry, our State Committee emphasized that the success of this drive shall be judged, in the first place by the extent to which we achieve our concentration objectives.

Examining the results of the drive to date we can say that although we are by no means satisfied with the tempo of our recruiting we have exceeded our concentration goal. Out of 450 recruits 55 percent are in basic industry, coming from steel, rubber, auto, electrical, coal, aluminum and railroad workers.

We decided to make steel the pace-setter in the drive. To dramatize our steel concentration and to formulate concrete plans, a statewide steel conference was convened in Youngstown. One hundred delegates assembled, the bulk of them steel workers. They came fresh from the picket lines bubbling over with experiences of the contributions of our Party and the press towards achieving victory in the strike. The conference worked out a program of building the party in steel "in the course of struggle to preserve and extend the strike-won gains."

It wasn't long before we began to get results. A Lorain steel worker was so enthused that within a few days he recruited 7 others. Steel recruits were reported from Youngstown, Cleveland, and Canton. A Negro steel worker from Ohio Valley, President of an active NAACP branch composed mostly of steel workers, was deeply moved by the conference discussion on the need for our Party to be seen and felt in the life of the community. At the next meeting he informed the members that he was a Communist. The response was such that he has now built up a list of 20 prospective recruits.

## BIG GROWTH AID

The role of the newly established shop clubs and the supporting activity of the community clubs during the recent strike struggles were major factors in the Party's growth in the key industries. Many of our community clubs became recognized as an important factor in the strike and some locals issued union credentials authorizing the Clubs to send out speakers and committees to speak and collect for the union.

While placing our major stress on building the party in basic industry through the improved functioning of the shop clubs, we must never lose sight of the fact that to really forge ahead in concentration, the entire party organization must participate. Thus, through the efforts of the Cleveland West Side Youth Club, a tool-and-die-maker, a Westinghouse and railroad worker were recruited. Comrades in the white collar and professional groups assisted in recruiting steel workers by the sale of *The Worker* in Lorain and in the Broadway steel area of Cleveland.

The broad movement against the Tennessee lynch terror that was developed by the Ohio Party brought many key workers into our ranks. A striking example of that is the campaign conducted by the Canton Communist Party in the course of which 24 Negro steel workers joined.

Greatly increased mass education in industrial communities, utilizing the radio, press and leaflets has proven a powerful aid to Party building. In Ohio Valley the weekly message of the Communist Party broadcast by A. Krichmar is awaited with intense interest by thousands of coal miners. No wonder that 26 coal diggers and steel workers have joined the Party in the past 4 weeks.

The voice of Andy Onda can be heard weekly in the homes of numerous steel workers in Youngstown and Warren discussing such

## 11 POLISH JEWISH LEADERS COMING HERE

A delegation of 11 Polish Jewish leaders, headed by Dr. Emil Sommerstein, chairman of the Central Jewish Committee of Poland, will arrive here next week to describe Jewish conditions in Poland, the Polish Press Agency reported yesterday.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise is chairman of a national reception committee, organized by American Jewish groups, which will stage a mass rally at Madison Square Garden early in June, at which the delegates will speak.

Among the organizations represented on the national reception committee are the American and World Jewish Congresses, American Federation for Polish Jews, Mizrahi, Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order and Paole Zion.

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# Walt Whitman--Healthy Voice of America

## WHITMAN LETTER CONTEST

The Daily Worker Feature Department today opens a two-week prize letter contest.

The topic is "What Walt Whitman Has Meant to Me."

While the letter contest becomes a part of this year's memorial tribute to America's great poet of Democracy, we mean it to be the beginning of a new and deeply needed emphasis on revolutionary culture.

Despite the neglect accorded Whitman by the bourgeois world, despite the snide slander of certain effete literary circles and the tea-tasting snobbish approach of certain liberal critics—Walt Whitman

remains the great, healthy and beautiful voice of our own people.

Poet of America, internationalist, Whitman, in the lines below might be writing of today—the great endless truths are in this poem, the life, and the rising of the people and the great undying faith of humanity in itself and the future.

Letters should be addressed to Whitman Letter Contest, Feature Department, Daily Worker. They may range in length from 300 to 700 words. There will be three prizes, of \$15, \$10 and \$5. We reserve the right to print any of the letters entered in the contest.

## Europe

(The 72d and 73d Years of These States)

By Walt Whitman

*Suddenly out of its stale and drowsy lair, the lair of slaves,  
Like lightning it leapt forth half started at itself,  
Its feet upon the ashes and the rags, its hands tight to the throats of  
kings.  
O hope and faith!  
O aching close of exiled patriots' lives!  
O many a sicken'd heart!  
Turn back unto this day and make yourselves afresh.*

*And you, paid to defile the People—you liars, mark!  
Not for numberless agonies, murders, lusts,  
For court thieving in its manifold mean forms, worming from his  
simplicity the poor man's wages,  
For many a promise sworn by royal lips and broken and laugh'd at  
in the breaking,  
Then in their power not for all these did the blows strike revenge, or  
the heads of the nobles fall;  
The People scorn'd the ferocity of kings.*

*But the sweetness of mercy brew'd bitter destruction and the fright-  
en'd monarchs came back,  
Each comes in a state with his train, hangman, priest, tax-gatherer,  
Soldier, lawyer, lord, jailer, and sycophant.*

*Yet behind all lowering stealing, lo, a shape,  
Vague as the night, draped interminably, head, front and form, in  
scarlet folds,  
Whose face and eyes none may see,  
Out of its robes only this, the red robes lifted by the arm,  
One finger crook'd pointed high over the top, like the head of a  
snake appears.*

*Meanwhile corpses lie in new-made graves, bloody corpses of young  
men,  
The rope of the gibbet hangs heavily, the bullets of princes are flying,  
the creatures of power laugh aloud,  
And all these things bear fruits, and they are good.*

*Those corpses of young men,  
Those martyrs that hang from the gibbets, those hearts pierc'd by  
the gray lead,  
Cold and motionless as they seem, live elsewhere with unslaughter'd  
vitality.*

*They live in other young men O kings!  
They live in brothers again ready to defy you,  
They were purified by death, they were taught and exalted.*

*Not a grave of the murder'd for freedom but grows seed for freedom,  
in its turn to bear seed,  
Which the winds carry afar and re-sow, and the rains and the snows  
nourish.*

*Not a disembodied spirit can the weapons of tyrants let loose,  
But it stalks invisibly over the earth, whispering, counseling, cau-  
tions.*

*Liberty, let others despair of you—I never despair of you.  
Is the house shut? Is the master away?  
Nevertheless, be ready, be not weary of watching.  
He will soon return, his messengers come anon.*



Mrs. Emma G. Clement, "mother of the year" for 1946, attended a recent performance of "On Whitman Avenue" at the Cort Theater. During intermission she dropped backstage to meet Canada Lee, star and producer, and Ernestine Barrier, who plays the intolerant mother in Maxine Wood's provocative and exciting drama. Left to right: Canada Lee, Mrs. Clement, Miss Barrier.

## MIKE GOLD TO SPEAK AT WHITMAN MEETING

PHILADELPHIA.—Walt Whitman's birthday, which falls on May 31, will be observed in Philadelphia next week-end. Mike Gold will be the main speaker at a Walt Whitman meeting in the NNU Hall, Friday night, May 24. On Sunday, May 26, Mike Gold will head a group that will visit Whitman's old home in Camden, and his grave there.

On Saturday night there will be an informal celebration at the home of Walter Lowenfels.

## Roundtable On US-USSR Relations

The People's Institute of Applied Religion is sponsoring a Roundtable Discussion on the subject: Religion: Barrier or Bridge to American-Soviet Understanding, at the Capitol Hotel, 51 St. and Eighth Ave., this Friday night at 8:15.

Speakers include The Metropolitan Benjamin, head of the Russian Orthodox Church of North America; Dr. Harry F. Ward, professor at Union Theological Seminary; Dr. William Agar, director of Freedom House and Catholic layman; Rabbi Harry Essrig, director of the Hillel Foundation; Dr. Shelby Rooks, prominent Negro minister of St. James Presbyterian Church, and Miss Betty Green, Unitarian Youth delegate to the London Youth Conference and the Soviet Union.

## 11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Fred Waring Show  
WOR—News; Talk; Music  
WJZ—Breakfast With Eremann  
WABC—Arthur Godfrey  
WMCA—News; Music Box  
WQXR—Alma Dettinger, News  
11:15-WOR—Telco Test—Quiz  
11:30-WEAF—Barry Cameron—Sketch  
WOR—Take It Easy Time  
WJZ—Home Edition  
WABC—Tena and Tim—Sketch  
WMCA—News Reports  
WQXR—Concert Music  
11:45-WEAF—David Harum  
WOR—Talk—Victor Lindlahr  
WJZ—Ted Malone—Talk  
WABC—Aunt Jenny  
WMCA—This Woman's World

## NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—Joe Hainline, News  
WOR—Lyle Van, News  
WJZ—Glamour Manor  
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat  
WQXR—News; Luncheon Concert  
12:15-WEAF—Talk—Maggi McNeills  
WOR—Hymns You Love  
WABC—Big Sister

12:30-WEAF—Art Van Damme Quartet  
WOR—News; Answer Man  
WJZ—News; Charn School  
WABC—Helen Trent  
WMCA—Don Goddard, News; Music

12:45-WEAF—Ray Barrett, Interviews  
WABC—Our Gal Sunday

1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride  
WOR—Mealtime Melodies

WJZ—H. R. Baulkage, News

WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful

WQXR—News; Symphony Music

1:15-WJZ—The Woman's Exchange

WABC—Ma Perkins

1:30-WOR—Lopez Orchestra

WABC—Young Dr. Malone—Sketch

WJZ—Galen Drake

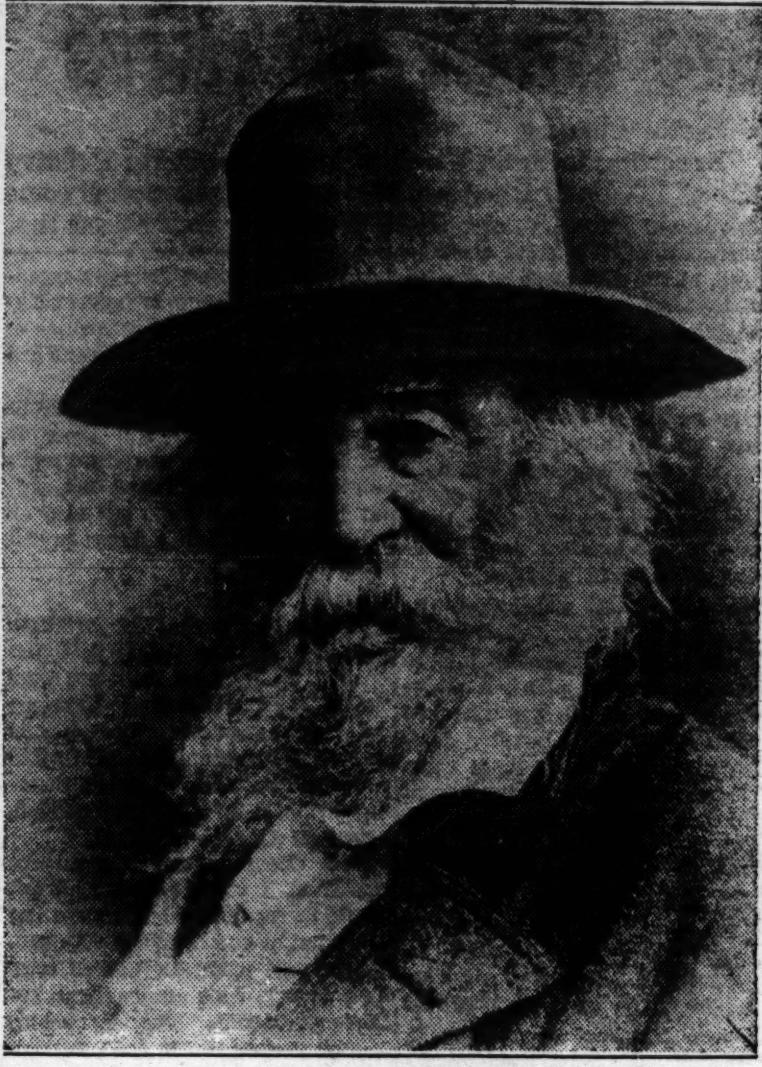
1:45-WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News

WOR—John J. Anthony

WABC—Road of Life—Sketch

## 2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light  
WOR—Daily Dilemma  
WJZ—John B. Kennedy  
WABC—Second Mrs. Burton  
WMCA—News; Ray Smith, Songs  
WQXR—News; Pop Concert  
2:15-WEAF—Today's Children  
WJZ—Pat Barnes—Talk  
WABC—Perry Mason—Sketch  
2:30-WEAF—Woman in White—Sketch  
WOR—Queen for a Day  
WJZ—Bride and Groom  
WABC—Rosemary—Sketch  
WMCA—Variety Musicale  
WQXR—Request Music  
2:45-WEAF—Masquerade—Sketch  
WABC—Time to Remember  
3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America  
WOR—Martha Deane Program  
WJZ—Al Pearce Show  
WABC—You're in the Act  
WMCA—News; Variety Musicale  
WQXR—News; Request Music  
3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins



WALT WHITMAN

## National Release For Warsaw Film

Booking date's on the Telenews circuit for Warsaw Rebuilds, short on destruction of Warsaw and Polish reconstruction, now playing its first run at the Stanley Theater in New York City, have been set.

Warsaw Rebuilds was produced by Eugene Cenakalski, Polish feature director, for Warsaw Films, Inc., from footage sent to this country from Poland.

## Dance Humorist Guest of 'Tidbits'

Iva Kitchell outstanding dance humorist who has just returned from a coast to coast tour having given 60 performances will be the guest performer in the Youth Theatre's presentation of Tid-Bits of 46 Saturday night at the Barbizon-Plaza Theatre. Others being featured are Eddy Manson, harmonica virtuoso, Phil Leeds and Sherle Hartt, comedians.

## RADIO

WEAF—660 Kc.  
WOR—570 Kc.  
WJZ—110 Kc.  
WMCA—330 Kc.  
WNYC—330 Kc.  
WABC—880 Kc.  
WINS—1000 Kc.

WQXR—1560 Kc.  
WEVD—1230 Kc.  
WNEW—1120 Kc.  
WLIB—1250 Kc.  
WHN—1050 Kc.  
WOW—1250 Kc.  
WNY—1450 Kc.

WOR—The Answer Man

WJZ—Raymond Swing

WABC—Jack Smith Show

WMCA—Five Star Final

7:30-WEAF—Barron Orchestras

WOR—Henry J. Taylor

WJZ—The Lone Ranger

WABC—Tommy Riga Show

WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh

WQXR—Barbara Orchestra

7:45-WEAF—H. V. Kalinborna

WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt

WMCA—Sid Gary Songs

WHN—Johannes, Steel

8:00-WEAF—Highways in Melody

WJZ—Passport to Romance

WABC—The Aldrich Family—Play

WMCA—News; U.N. Broadcast

WQXR—News; Symphony Hall

8:30-WEAF—Duffy's Tavern

WOR—A Voice in the Night, With

Carl Brisson

WJZ—This Is Your FBI

WABC—Kate Smith Show

WMCA—Recorded Music

8:45-WMCA—Baseball: Giants vs. Cubs

8:55-WABC—Bill Henry, News

WOR—Fulton Lewis, Jr.  
WJZ—Headline Edition  
WABC—Lanny Ross Show  
WMCA—Jack Eigen, News  
WQXR—News; Music

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9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—People Are Funny

WOR—Gabriel Heatter

WJZ—Alan Young Show

WABC—It Pays to Be Ignorant

WMCA—News; Baseball Game

WQXR—News; Overture

9:05-WAAT (970 Kc)—Labor Views

News—Sponsored by UE-CIO

9:15-WEAF—Real Life Stories

WQXR—Great Names

9:30-WEAF—Bob Hannon, Songs; Evelyn MacGregor, Contralto; Chorus

WOR—James Orchestra

WJZ—The Sheriff—Play

WABC—Durante-Moore Show

WQXR—Recorded

# An Antidote For Poison

Reviewed by Stephen Peabody

"POLAND," remarks Mr. Brant in the course of his timely book, "is a wonderful place for fairy tales. Some are written in old books, but many find a place in the newspapers in the United States, Britain, and France." Mr. Brant, himself a correspondent for *The Chicago Sun*, might have added that the more outlandish the tale, the more eager the reactionary press is to circulate it.

Those who have been guided by newspaper accounts of what is going on in Poland may, therefore, be shocked to find that the Poland Mr. Brant tells about is neither peopled by fiends or governed by ogres. This eye-witness story should be a powerful antidote for the poison that has been spread throughout America about Poland.

The great virtue of this book is its directness and simplicity. Written without flourish, it states the basic facts of Polish life as seen by an intelligent, sympathetic observer. Mr. Brant lines up the major myths, and then demolishes them with provable facts. Poland is Communistic. Poland is anti-Catholic. Nonsense, says Mr. Brant. Poland is rebuilding its economic life; the government is running large industry for the sake of efficiency; small business

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is nurtured and encouraged. Poland also is rebuilding its political life on an anti-fascist basis and seeks to destroy reactionary groupings, many of which in Polish life center around the church.

#### REASON FOR POPULARITY

#### WITH U. S. STATE DEPT.

Among Mr. Brant's more interesting observations are those dealing with Mikolajczyk who is described as a complete opportunist, more eager to become premier than to advance the welfare of the nation. Mikolajczyk, Mr. Brant declares, is trying to marshal all the anti-government and anti-Russian discontent to win a quick election. And this perhaps explains why the so-called peasant leader is currently the darling of Byrnes and the Anglo-American imperialists.

Mr. Brant has high praise for the Communist members of the government of national unity, but he finds the Polish Workers Party weak and not very popular. I am inclined to doubt the validity of this conclusion as well as another about the unpopularity of the Red Army. There are certainly Poles who like neither one, just as there are Poles who choke at the prospect of progressive democracy in Poland; they are highly vocal about their views, and I suspect Mr. Brant was taken in by some of the very fairy stories he demolishes elsewhere in his book.

Despite his firmness on the question of Communism, Mr. Brant is stoutly opposed to Anglo-American interference in Poland's internal life. "The United States and Great Britain," he concludes, "can best serve Poland by helping to save the people of that country from the starvation, cold and disease which war and its aftermath have brought upon them. That, too, is the way to political stability through a peaceful democracy. We should beware lest this be killed by premature insistence upon its full and immediate consummation."

#### Mary Lou Williams Guest on WEVD Show

Mary Lou Williams, outstanding pianist, composer, arranger and disc recording artist, will be the guest of Roger Sullivan and Anne Wilder, *The Teen Age Reporters*, on their WEVD show, *On the Swing Side*, Sunday, May 19, 1946, at 10

# Soft and Stringy

I HEARD THEM SING, by Ferdinand Reyher. Little Brown & Co.

Reviewed by Joy Clark

THIS is the story of the growth of a tiny Illinois settlement of the nineties to a small city of the forties. It is the story of three generations, of Ben Halper, the artist-barber who opens a shop in Sevillinois, who fights in the Spanish-American war and comes home to find his wife has run off with another man; of Bennie, his son, who leans toward performing and dancing, but comes home from World War I with a limp that frustrates his love of dancing and eventually drives him to a gangster in whose service he is killed; of Little Eddie, Bennie's daughter, who grows up to marry a talkative doctor and is decorated for heroism while nursing in World War II. It is the story of the displacement of the barber shop quartet, the masculine leisure and gossip, by radio, automobile, rush and restlessness; the displacement of the barber shop "for men only" by a beauty shop.

The world enters the story in the thirties—but the barber shop weathers the depression. Hitler is softly condemned, racism is softly condemned, people love, marry, soldier and die—but nobody develops, nobody wonders why depressions and wars, why disease and frustration. People take it or they don't, but nobody is hit hard enough to be forced to think and learn.

The writing is often hard on the reader, packed with description in boring detail. I give you a one-sentence illustration:

"With the pride of a precision workman he mowed his way through fields of pompadours, around parted glades, across waving locks, over silky side-burns, into matted groves and thickets of whiskers, goatees, Vandykes, imperials, Dundrearies, Prince Henrys, full beards, bartenders' curls and the hirsute wilderness of streamers, stringers, strainers, weepers, fringes, wedges, hedges, brambles, stubble, thistles, Spanish moss, valances, blinds, tassels and festoons that covered the chin and jowl of the Nineties."

Reyher also goes in for wordy sentimentality and pathos.

# Movie Notes



BORIS KARLOFF

CECIL B. DEMILLE has had some trouble finding the right actor to play the part of the gruesome Indian chief in his forthcoming film *The Unconquered*. The casting call was for someone with an established reputation for frightening the customers out of their seats. Many were interviewed but none seemed to approach DeMille's lurid conception of the first American "Red." But everything is all right now. The great director has finally found the right person for the role. The Indian chief who will be costumed and made up to represent the dregs of villainy will be played by Boris (Frankenstein) Karloff.

A few hours after the battle of Alcatraz, the film studios rushed 14 original crime-does-not-pay stories into script form. Funny that there was no such rush to film the opening of the second front or the greatest battle of the war—the battle of Stalingrad. No such rush to film the liberation of Paris, Rome, Vienna, Prague, Budapest or Belgrade from the Nazi-fascist gangsters. That's the movies for you—millions for destructive and degrading films, but not one cent for constructive, informative and challenging themes.

Ireland's 700-year-old struggle against British domination would make a courageous film. But Walt Disney has chosen a much safer story with an Irish setting to film. He intends to spend \$2,000,000 on *The Little People*, story of the leprechauns and folklore of Ireland. The least he should get for his efforts is the Order of the Garter from Britain and a loud raspberry from the little people of Ireland and everywhere else.

Sam Rausch writes: "I suggest that you take notice of a scene in the film *Three Strangers* in which the Crown's attorney gives the impression that the Oxford movement is a bona fide religious movement embodying real 'moral rearment.' You need not be told how much a resurgent fascism would be helped if Frank Buchman's pro-Nazi creed were dished up to millions of gullible people in a new guise."

—D. P.

# Housing Action Group To Meet With Mayor

Housing Action, which will stage a demonstration at City Hall, May 18, at noon, will send a delegation to meet with Mayor O'Dwyer at 11 a.m. on the same day.

The delegation will be headed by Nathan Strauss, former national housing administration. It will be made up of representatives of the American Legion, the American Veterans Committee, the New York Citizens PAC, the CIO, the Urban League, and the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, and others.

Housing Action has set a goal of 50,000 homes to be built in New York City within the next six months.

# 'WAR WORKER REPRODUCTIONS'



In honor of Elizabeth Catlett and her contributions to American culture as an artist and teacher, New-Age Gallery is reproducing one of her works—"War-Worker"—on postcards to sell at 10 cents each or 12 for \$1. Mounted on 8½ by 11 inch bevelled, hinged mats for framing, the price will be \$1 cents.

# Folk Festival At Hunter College

A Folk Festival, involving 15 nationality groups plus several hundred folk dancers, will take place at the Hunter College Gymnasium, 69 St. and Park Ave., this Saturday at 8 p.m. It is sponsored by the Community Folk Dance Center of New York.



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# Partlow Dons Montreal Uniform

## Tami-Woodcock Tangle Tonight At the Garden

America's first important postwar international prize fight takes place at Madison Square Garden tonight, where chubby Tami Mauriello of the Bronx tangles with Bruce Woodcock, the British heavyweight title-holder.

Because there's much interest in Woodcock, because Mauriello always makes for an interesting fight and, lastly, because it will be the first scrap at the Garden in seven weeks, tonight's ten-rounder is expected to fill the 49th St. Swat Salon and draw \$100,000 at the gate.

During a month of training here at Bear Mountain, Woodcock impressed observers as a willing mixer, potent puncher, but a comparative amateur in the vital art of a good defense. However, the British titlist takes a good blow, as he'll have to, because Tami Mauriello can, and often does, hit for keeps.

The Bronx Blockbuster, however, isn't overly difficult to hit, and Tami's followers are hoping the Fat Boy is in good shape to withstand the short rights with which Woodcock has scored 24 kayoos in 25 professional bouts. Mauriello is currently working on a streak of 10 straight knockouts, but in all honesty it must be observed that Tami's opposition in recent months has been strictly of the push-me-and-I'll-fall type. Neither Tami or Bruce have ever been flattened.

Mauriello claims to have pared off enough lard to permit his entering the ring at 198 pounds. This would give him an advantage of about 11 pounds over Bruce, who expects to register 187.

Although Woodcock is 26 years old, four more than Tami, his professional experience is far less, because the Yorkshireman spent so long in the amateurs. Bruce, boxing since he was eight years old, has had approximately 400 amateur scraps.

Woodcock won the British title last July 27 by knocking out Jack London at London in the sixth round. Reports on London's prowess differ. Some say he was a terrific puncher and a dangerous opponent. Others say he was just a fat old man. It's much the same with the rest of Woodcock's record. There is no accurate yardstick by which to judge Woodcock. It was different with Tommy Farr, last British heavy to come over. Farr had beaten Maxie Baer in England. Farr lost five straight fights in the United States.

If history repeats itself, Bruce has a heavy percentage running against him. No British heavyweight ever won his first American fight—Charley Mitchell, Bombardier Wells, Tom Cowler, Scott and Farr.

However, if Woodcock could upset precedent and the betting odds he might find himself fighting the Louis-Conn winner for the world heavyweight title in September.

## DODGERS, YANKS, GIANTS...

Suppose we take a fast look at the local clubs:

In the senior loop, the St. Louis Cardinals left Ebbets Field with the league lead back in their possession, if only by a few mathematical points, but still very much the champs.

The Dodgers, of course, remain hopeful due to the fact that they made St. Louis fight for both victories. Durocher seems to think that one more long hitter in the lineup will work wonders for the club, and help them keep right on the Cards' tail for the rest of the season. The Brooklyn pilot is also of the opinion that Cookie Lavagetto, who made his debut in the second game against St. Louis, will help the Flock attack considerably now that he's back in to the lineup.

The Yankees, once upon a time, used to get along famously against left-handed pitching. But no more. When Brownie southpaw Sam Zoldak beat the Bombers 8-2 the other day, it marked the

fifth Yankee defeat in little more than a week—four of those setbacks having come at the hands of portside pitchers.

Joe McCarthy's men are still in the throes of that batting slump which now has the team down to a .400 gait on the road. Just when it looked as if Joe DiMaggio had snapped out of his slump with his Tuesday homeroon, the great Yankee outfielder went right back into his troublesome times at bat in the next game. DiMaggio hasn't been able to put two successive days of solid hitting together—but when he does, look out!

The Giants can't seem to win the extra-inning ones. That was proved anew Wednesday night against the Reds, when Jack Graham dropped one in right-field in the tenth-inning to give the Cincy boys a 2-1 win. After the fine start on their trip west, the Giants levelled off on the way back to the Polo Grounds and now they're back where they started from—at home and deep in the second division.

By Bill Mardo

Leroy (Roy) Partlow arrived in Canada yesterday to officially hook up with the Montreal Royals and thus became the fifth Negro player to crack Jimcrow in modern organized baseball this year.

Partlow, who stands 5-11 and weighs 185, was born 30 years ago in Washington, Georgia. The popular portsider began his twirling career with the Cincinnati Tigers in 1937, and two years later made his debut with the Homestead Grays of the Negro National League.

During mid-season of 1943, Partlow was traded to the Philadelphia Stars where in recent years he's been among the top tossers on the club. The well-built Negro chucker owns a fine fast ball and well-controlled curves. Last season, Roy racked up a total of 83 strikeouts for the best whiffing record in the league.

Partlow's '45 record with the Philly Stars was: He worked in 17 games, pitched 99 innings, gave up 99 hits, 36 walks, fanned 83, completed seven games—for an overall mark of nine wins, four losses and .692 percentage.

Because he's considered a good hitting pitcher, Partlow has on occasion roamed the outfield for the Stars. His 19 hits in 73 plate appearances for Philly last season, eight runs scored and four runs-batted-in for a .260 batting average, is testimony enough that Partlow swings a mean stick from the portside.

As a matter of fact, one of the high-points of Partlow's career with the Homestead Grays occurred in 1942 before one of the largest arc-lights crowd at Griffith Stadium. That evening Roy bested the Kansas City Monarchs

by polling out a 12th inning triple to win his own ball game, 2-1.

During the off-season last year, Partlow pitched for the Ponce club in Puerto Rico, where the quiet, unassuming left-hander was quite a hero with the fans. Married, the father of two children, Partlow's permanent residence is in Philadelphia.

So there, in a tintype, is the story of Roy Partlow—who yesterday donned a Montreal Royals uniform to drive still deeper the wedge against Jimcrow in American baseball.

Good luck, Roy . . . and happy hurling.

## Jackie Hits at .324 Clip; Campy Homers in Opener

Jackie Robinson, the Montreal Royals' star second-baseman, is currently rolling along at a highly respectable .324 batting clip. For the 25 games he's played up to and including the Wednesday contest of this week, Robinson has collected 30 hits in 93 times at bat.

Afield, the fleet-footed Negro star has racked up a .933 average, with 40 putouts, 65 assists and seven errors to his credit. While we don't have available the total number of bases stolen by Jackie, he's currently running second in that department behind speedy Marvin Rackley. Robinson's work afield has been particularly impressive in the matter of double-plays he's set up or served in. For example, May 8 at Montreal, Robinson and Alex Campanis reeled off five twin-killings against Newark.

Jackie's reception by the Canadian fans has been simply terrific.

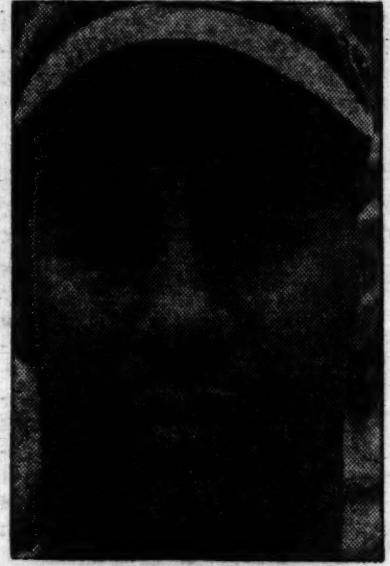
A dispatch from Montreal revealed:

"Fans here and everywhere he goes are simply idolizing him. They yell to him from the stands, want to talk to him, want to shake his hand, etc."

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MARXIST library to sell; 102 books; paintings also. IR 6-1812.

## German Draft Of Spanish Men Is Exposed

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drift, testifies that the Blue Division was financed with Spanish government funds. The funds were turned over to the German Embassy and transmitted to the Wehrmacht.

Franco spent 13 million pesetas a month on the Blue Division throughout 1942, and somewhat less the next year.

The document, had been gathering dust in the secret files of the State Department for a long time. It was released at a press conference in the Hotel Belmont-Plaza yesterday by Milton Wolff, director of the Action Committee for Spanish Democracy, of 55 W. 42 St.

Abel Plenn, author of *Wind in the Olive Trees*, an expose of Spanish fascism, and former chief Propaganda Analyst of the Office of War Information in Spain, said he regarded Wolff's document as the most important primary piece of evidence on Franco's war ties with Hitler to date.

"It is unshakable proof that the Spanish Army was a war ally of Germany that has yet been disclosed," he declared.

Plenn also relayed to the press conference the startling report that Franco's military attache in Washington is asking Navy fliers to join the Spanish air force after their discharge.

Fernando G. Camino, the fascist attache, is said to be offering the Americans \$1,000 to \$2,000 a month to fly for France.

The report has come to Plenn from several sources, and he suggests that the United States Government check the charges promptly.

Heysler, who joined an American intelligence outfit during the war, gives the fullest report on the actual size of the Blue Division to be published in this country.

### ACSUALTIES HEAVY

A total of 40,000 men passed through the Blue Division, he said. And 22,000 men were actually serving with it at one time in July, 1941.

One thousand of these were Spanish fliers. There were 2,000 members of the Blue's air service altogether.

Blue Division casualties were heavy. Three thousand were killed by the Red Army, 3,000 more seriously injured, 10,000 wounded in all and 3,000 captured.

Another 1,200 deserted to the Soviet side.

Conscription, not volunteering, filled up the casualty gaps.

"When any one came across an able-bodied man fit to go, he was sent to Lenz, chief of the German Military Intelligence," said the document.

Thence the victim was rushed to Lt. Reppert, a Nazi, at San Sebastian on the northern border, and transhipped to Lt. Loehnert, another Nazi, in Hendaye on the French side. The Eastern Front was the final destination.

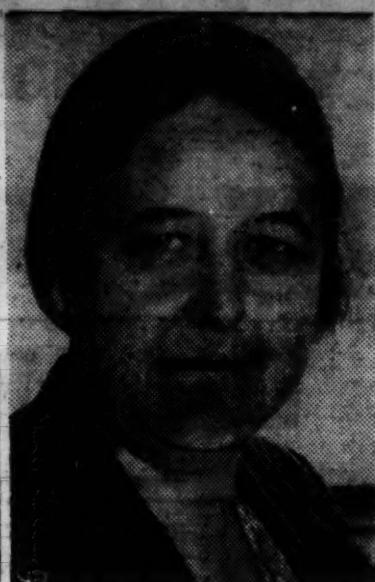
Franco's 13 million pesetas were turned over to the German Embassy through the Spanish Army, which sent two million pesetas, the Hispano-American Bank and other government institutions. The money was disbursed to the Wehrmacht through the Pagaduria Alemana (German Payments office), with which Heysler was connected.

### HAD TO SNUB GENERAL

Gen. Munoz Grande, defeated Blue Division commander, was replaced by Gen. Esteban Infante, who took a trouncing also. Franco grew fearful. On Infante's return to Spain in 1943 Franco wired:

"My decision would have been to have received you in an official manner, and in a huge limousine. But the diplomatic situation has imposed huge difficulties, and my personal appearance at the reception is impossible."

A total of 12,000 dangerous Nazis, including 50 Gestapo agents in Madrid, were still in Spain in 1943, said the document.



APPOINTED by Trygve Lie, Director-General of the United Nations, Miss Mary Smiton has been appointed UN Director of Personnel. She is employed at present by the British Department of Labor in London.

## S. Carolina Lets Youths Vote But Sets Color Bar

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 15 (UP).

The South Carolina Democratic executive committee today lowered the voting age from 21 to 18 for the forthcoming Democratic primaries.

South Carolina thus became the second state in the South to open the ballot to 18-year-olds. Georgia has taken similar action.

The committee also voted for rigid enforcement of literacy requirements for voting in event federal courts maintained that Democratic primaries could not be exclusively white.

The voting restriction, seen as an attempt to preserve the white primary in view of a Supreme Court ruling that Negroes could vote in all Southern elections, was introduced by State Senator J. Carl Kearse of Bamberg.

Kearse would not comment on the proposal except to say: "It should keep out of the party at least 90 per cent of the people we don't want."

## Owners Spurn Truman Bid

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White House meeting, in which he denounced Lewis' tactics and attacked all labor. He called for emergency legislation to outlaw all strikes for six months.

Three Congressmen have demanded Small's removal, UP reported.

The CPA head said the country needs six or eight months of full-blast production to avert the danger of inflation. He said strikes must be stopped and "the leap-frogging of wages and prices also must come to a halt."

He agreed that the coal miners need better working conditions and other contract improvements, but he accused Lewis of deliberately holding back his demands in the present negotiations and "making a travesty of collective bargaining."

### Grant Continuance To Lichfield Colonel

BAD NAUHEIM, Germany, May 16 (UP).—An eight-man military court today granted a 32-day continuance until June 17 in the court martial of Col. James A. Kilian, former commander of the 10th Reinforcement Depot, Lichfield, England, who is charged with brutalities to soldier inmates.

The continuance granted to Kilian, Highland Park, Ill., is the fourth that has been granted defendants since the Lichfield brutality trials opened in England more than six months ago.

### Hungary Asks France Return War Criminals

VIENNA, May 16 (UP).—Hungary will demand that France return Archduke Joseph and Archduke Albrecht Von Hapsburg for trial by the People's Court on charges of collaboration with the Nazis, Dr. Istvan Ries, Hungarian Minister of Justice, said today.

Dr. Ries is en route to Paris to confer with the French Minister of Justice. He said the Archdukes Joseph and Albrecht are being held in France. Albrecht will be charged specifically with broadcasting for the Nazis.

## Egypt Delegate Expresses Fear Of UN Disunity

An unexpected acknowledgement of the world's growing disappointment—and resentment—at the failure of the United Nations Security Council to perform its allotted tasks was made yesterday by retiring Council President Hafiz Afifi, who said:

"The ideals for which this war was fought seem to be forgotten."

The retiring Egyptian delegate will be supplanted at today's session by Alexandre Parodi, of France, under the monthly rotation system of the Security Council presidency.

Afifi urged the council "not to leave a stone unturned to make this council the true and real instrument of an everlasting peace among the peoples, nations and races of the earth." He urged everyone to have "patience" with the council, stating it is "still in its infancy and growing pains."

Meanwhile, at yesterday's session, two events of importance took the spotlight:

1. U. S. Delegate Edward Stettinius offered a motion that new members to the United Nations must be acted upon by the UN General Assembly, instead of the Security Council—a move obviously aimed at blocking for at least two months the Soviet proposal to accept Albania into the fold.

2. The council adopted 31 out of 34 rules of procedure drawn up by the Committee of Experts, holding over until today three disputed rules.

3. Australian Delegate Paul Hasluck entered strenuous objections to the Security Council "usurping" the powers of the UN General Assembly, arguing that no fixed procedure for channeling applications of new nations membership should be adopted by the Security Council without first consulting the General Assembly. Hasluck declared that he opposed the possible intent in one of the adopted 31 rules which allows the council to meet in secret on new member applicants. He stated that such secret meetings should take place only in "rare" instances.

Soviet delegate Andrei A. Gromyko, who had absented himself during the last session when the long-settled Iranian issue was again brought up, was present yesterday. Gromyko spoke briefly twice during the discussion upon the rules of procedure.

However, the spectators and newsmen found Egyptian delegate Afifi's remarks to be the most significant development of the day. Observers of the session believed that the Egyptian delegate's remarks were indicative that the council is beginning to feel the deep resentment of peoples throughout the world at the provocative antics of some of the nations represented.

Said delegate Afifi:

"I shudder when I hear people talk of a third world war. Let us prove to the world that the trust given us was not offered in vain. Let us assure the peoples of the world and let them know they must not despair, and that we will become the greatest organization for maintaining international peace."

The council resumes again at 11 a. m. today.

## CIO Steel Parley Sets Peace

### Yardstick to Measure Candidates

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CIO will be successful despite AFL opposition and cooperation with employers for "backdoor" contracts.

"Sure we are going to have opposition," he said. "We are not going South to organize company unions. We thrive on opposition, we live on opposition," he said.

### CITRINE SPEAKS

The guest speaker of the day was Sir Walter Citrine, secretary of the British Trades Union congress and chairman of the World Federation of Trade Unions. He was accompanied by a delegation of British labor leaders here for meetings of the Anglo-American Trade Union Committee.

Citrine spoke of the years of fruitless effort he has made to bring the AFL into a joint movement for world labor unity. He expressed the hope that the AFL leaders would still come into the WFTU.

The major part of his speech was devoted to describing the course of British Laborite policy which he repeatedly stressed was not toward "Communism" but "constructive collectivism."

He then described the Laborite government's objectives to nationalize basic industries and banks to make "planned society" possible. He said the British have come to the conclusion that such planning was impossible through private control of industries.

Delegates showed keen interest as Citrine described the composition of the British government. He named the ministers, their trades and labor unions. The British leader said unions are a school in government for these men. The picture he drew was quite a contrast to the usual experience of American union leaders whose part in government reaches no further than some meaningless advisory bodies.

## Report Franco Planned Attack

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armies in Belgium, break through and take both Antwerp and Paris and annihilate the American and British forces.

Franco was told at that time that a new "wonder weapon" would be employed. He was given 24 hours to think it over.

Franco agreed, it is charged, to throw 750,000 troops against the Allies in a treacherous flanking attack from the south and actually mobilized his armies for that purpose.

The above accusation will appear in today's issue of *Magyar Jovo*, New York Hungarian daily newspaper over the by-line of Alexander Sombati, a correspondent for that newspaper and a member of the staff of the Belgian resistance newspaper *L'Aurore* published in Brussels.

Correspondent Sombati says he was told by reliable Spanish Republican sources in Europe that the document is also in the hands of the French Government, as well as the United Nations subcommittee meeting here in New York.

## Attlee Tells India Plan

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sible to the Indian and British governments. Field Marshal Viscount Wavell also would remain in India as governor general.

9 — The Indian legislatures elect delegates to a constituent assembly to eliminate the long delay which a national election would cause.

10 — The constituent assembly would work out a treaty with Great Britain "to provide for certain matters arising out of the transfer of power."

Addressing the convention during

the discussion on the resolution on organization, Van A. Bittner, director of "Operation Dixie" said "we are

not carrying on a campaign of any type that would segregate our people. To me there is no Negro problem in the South."

"What we intend to do is to organize all men and all women in industry because they are men and women," he said.

He expressed confidence that the

# U. S., Britain Rebuild Germany Against Soviets, Pepper Warns

Sen. Claude Pepper last night charged that the western powers were trying "to keep Germany as an ace up the imperialist sleeve against Russia despite all of Germany's monstrous crimes." The outspoken Florida Senator spoke at a Veterans Emergency rally at Madison Sq. Garden, attended by 20,000 vets

former friend in the war as against our former enemy in the war, of course they will put the blame of the second failure on Russia."

The meeting was a rousing demand for peace, jobs, housing and a challenge against race discrimination and the enemies of OPA.

Pepper charged that the breakdown of the meeting of the Foreign Ministers in London last September and the present Paris Conference was advertised as the fault of Russia. "Of course, they failed to explain Russia was merely insisting upon the fulfillment of the Potsdam Agreement," he said.

Obviously referring to the dispute at the Paris Conference over the Trieste issue, he said, "now that the Russians at the Paris Conference have taken the side of our

cartels which backed Hitler and members of the German General Staff are being let scot free in the American occupation zone in Germany. He also cited the role of the Nazis in Spain as a danger to the peace of the world.

Gene Kelly presided. Other speakers included Marion Hargrove, Kenneth Kennedy, national commander of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America, Frank Sinatra, Olivia de Havilland and Howard de Silva.

## MacArthur OKs Pro-Fascist As Premier

Gen. Douglas MacArthur yesterday okayed the appointment of Shigeru Yoshida to the Premiership of Japan.

Official American quarters in Tokyo have described Yoshida as a bureaucrat noted for fascist leanings who has worked closely with societies advocating a totalitarian state.

Yoshida, United Press reported, has spent most of his life in Japan's diplomatic service and has been Ambassador to Italy and to England. He was Munitions Minister in the wartime Kiso Cabinet.

Japanese-American sources told the Daily Worker that Yoshida is closely tied up with the Zaibatsu, the Japanese trusts. In an interview with the American press on Oct. 20 he insisted that it was not necessary to liquidate the holdings of the Mitsui and Mitsubishi combines.

His government posts included that of Parliamentary Minister for Foreign Affairs in the cabinet of Gen. Tanaka, spokesman of Japanese expansionism in the late twenties. As Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs in the early thirties he proposed taking over Manchuria and Mongolia to counter the "Communist menace from the North." Later he was Consul General in Mukden, Manchuria, and Governor General of the Japanese home island of Kyushu.

Son-in-law of Count Makino, former Chancellor of the Privy Seal, Yoshida is closely linked with the Imperial household.

Yoshida is now President of the reactionary Liberal Party, and UP reported that he is likely to form an all-conservative cabinet in collaboration with the "Progressives."

## UN Sub Group On Women Meets Tonite

The five women who represent the world's women on the United Nations subcommittee will meet tonight, for the first time, with members of an American women's organization. The meeting, an informal gathering, will be held at the home of Mrs. Eunice Hill, radio commentator, 122 E. 65 St.

Representing the UN Sub-Commission the the Status of Women will be Mrs. Hansa Mehta of India, Miss Minerva Bernadino of the Dominican Republic, Mrs. Bogdil Begtrup of Denmark, Miss Fryderyka Kalinowski of Poland and Miss Angela Jurdak of Lebanon.

Greeting them will be the following leaders in the Congress of American Women: Mrs. Muriel Draper, Dr. Gene Weltfish and Susan B. Anthony.

Ralph Ingersoll charged "there are militarists in Washington who have actually told me that they regard you and me—the veterans from the armed forces of World War II—as simply on furlough—loaned out by the army to our wives and children, our occupations and businesses—sent back to the farm and to school—for a little breather before the whole thing begins all over again."

He showed that "whereas the American armed forces had as their objective the defeat of the armed forces of Germany, by the quickest, most direct route; our allies, while equally anxious to defeat the enemy, sought to accomplish this objective only in such terms as would further the political interests of the British Empire."

Calling for friendship between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, he said, "I think the effort, on both sides of the Atlantic, to make it appear that a conflict between the United States and the Soviet Union is inevitable are the single most dangerous thing that is happening in the world today."

Russel Nixon, legislative representative of the UE-CIO, cited facts and figures to show that German

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If the new Byrnes proposal is

PARIS, May 16.—Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov this afternoon turned down Secretary of State Byrnes' proposal that there be a peace conference for Germany.

He also rejected a proposal along almost identical lines put forward this evening by British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin who repeatedly stressed that Britain wishes to see the German problem "treated as a whole."

Until that is done, it is clear that neither Bevin nor Byrnes is prepared to discuss French claims on the Saar region or their proposals for internationalization of the Ruhr.

The conference thus ends with the Soviet refusal to agree to a plan which has looked all along like a prelude to an eventual American attempt to pull out of Germany sooner than had so far been envisaged.

French opinion tonight is highly indignant over what they consider to be a doublecross by Byrnes on the Saar question. It has always been understood that America supported the French claim to this area but now Byrnes and Bevin are refusing to discuss the matter at all. They hide behind the argument that Germany can only be discussed as a whole, and since the Russians refuse to do this, the pressing problems of the Ruhr, Rhineland and Saar will just have to wait.

Official British quarters here, however, feel that the present series of meetings which are now adjourned until June 15 show a marked step forward from the London conference of Foreign Ministers. The atmosphere throughout has been friendly and British spokesmen tonight considered that sufficient progress has been made to enable the deputies, who will continue to meet in Paris, to do some useful work on outstanding problems before the Ministers meet again.

Today's Communist press in Paris was highly critical of Byrnes' plan for settlement of the German problem and suggested that it prepared for American abandonment of the task of establishing democracy there and favored, in effect, reemergence of German imperialism.

## United Protest Of Rankin Gang

A noted author, advertising executive, Congressman, Negro veteran and trade union leaders of the CIO and AFL will join in unified protest against the Un-American Activities Committee, on Thursday, May 23, at Manhattan Center, Millard Lampell, chairman of the veterans' anti-Rankin rally, announced today.

Veterans Against Discrimination of the Civil Rights Congress of New York, will present Howard Fast, Stanley Moss, Rep. A. Clayton Powell, ex-Warrant Officer Ewart Guinier, Saul Mills, secretary-treasurer, Greater New York CIO Council; Charlotte Stern, Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, AFL; Dr. Edward K. Barsky, Rev. Richard Morford and George Marshall, at the action meeting dedicated to the abolition of the Wood-Rankin Committee.

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## U. S. Russian Relief Delegation To Visit War-Torn Area of USSR

A delegation of eminent Americans active in behalf of Russian relief has been invited to tour the devastated areas of the Soviet Union by the Soviet government and the Soviet Red Cross and Red Crescent societies.

The invitation was announced yesterday by Edward C. Carter, president of the American Society for Russian Relief, through whom the invitation was delivered.

The group will leave by plane the first week in July, Carter said, and will be guests of the Soviet government for a month.

The delegates invited are representative of many American groups which supported the relief agency. Among those who have accepted the invitation are the Rev. Dr. Edward Young, Boston surgeon and chairman of the executive committee of the Cabot Memorial Fund collecting funds to build a \$2,000,000 penicillin plant in Moscow; Peter

Ralph W. Sockman, Methodist minister of Christ Church in New York City and chairman of the National Interfaith Committee of Russian Relief; Dr. Louis D. Newton, assistant secretary of the Baptist World Alliance and chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Committee for Russian Relief; Dr. Edward Young, Boston surgeon and chairman of the executive committee of the Cabot Memorial Fund collecting funds to build a \$2,000,000 penicillin plant in Moscow; Peter

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We regret to announce that we are compelled to discontinue temporarily the 16-page paper we have been issuing since the end of March. Beginning next week, we will resume a 12-page format.

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